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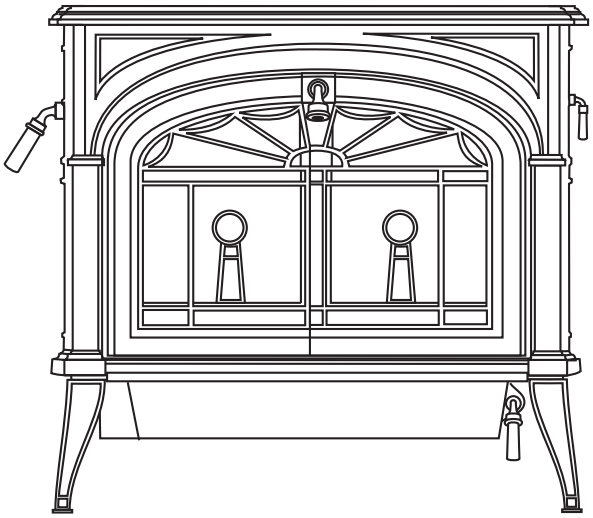

Encore®

Non-Catalytic Woodburning Stove

Model 1450CE

Homeowner's Installation and Operating Manual

For use in Europe

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Welcome

Congratulations on your choice of a Vermont Castings Encore. With this purchase you have made a commitment to make the hearth a place of warmth, beauty, and comfort in your home. At MHSC, we share that joy and appreciation for the hearth. You may be assured that your cast-iron Vermont Castings stove has been made with the utmost care and will provide you with many years of service.

As you become acquainted with your new stove or fireplace, you will find that its visual appearance is matched by its functionality, due to cast iron's unique capability to absorb and radiate heat.

Also, MHSC units are among the cleanest-burning wood stoves and fireplaces available today. As an owner of a Vermont Castings stove, you make a strong statement for pollution-free energy. Clean burning, however, depends on both the manufacturer and the operator. Please read this manual carefully to understand how to properly operate and maintain your stove or fireplace.

At MHSC, we are equally committed to your satisfaction as a customer. That is why we maintain an exclusive network of the finest dealers in the industry. Our dealers are chosen for their expertise and dedication to customer service. They are factory-trained and knowledgeable about every MHSC product. Feel free to contact your Authorized Vermont Castings Dealer anytime you have a particular question about your stove or its performance.

This manual contains valuable instructions on the installation and operation of your Vermont Castings stove. It also contains useful information on maintenance and assembly of this product. We urge you to read the manual thoroughly and to keep it as a reference.

Sincerely,

All of us at MHSC

This manual describes the installation, operation, and maintenance of the Vermont Castings Encore Model 1450CE non-catalytic wood burning heater. This heater meets the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's emission limits for wood heaters sold on or after July 1, 1990. Under specific test conditions this heater has been shown to deliver heat at rates up to 12.5 kW (42,600 BTU/hr).

The Encore Model 1450CE has been tested to current standards. The test standards are UL-1482 and UL-737 for the United States, EN13240:2001 + A2:2004 for Europe. The Encore is listed for burning wood. Do not burn other fuels.

We recommend that you hire a professional installer to install your stove, or to advise you on the installation should you attempt to install it yourself.

Please read this entire manual before you install and use your new stove. Failure to follow instructions may result in property damage, bodily injury, or even death.

Accessories

Warming Shelves

#0200	Classic Black	#0205	Biscuit
#0201	Bordeaux	#0206	Chestnut Brown
#0202	Sand	#0207	Ebony
#0203	Midnight Blue	#0208	Brown Majolica
#0204	Suede Brown	#0209	Vt. Classic Green

0127 Sparkscreen

0171 Horizontal Collar Heat Shield

0174 Vertical Collar Heat Shield

3265 Outside Air Kit

0336 Mobile Home Kit

2767 Variable Speed Fan Kit

0168 - 0169 Heat Shields for the Chimney Connector

- Matching Porcelain Stovepipe
- Matching 6" Flue Collar

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Specifications

Encore NC, Model 1450CE

Nominal heat output .....12.5 kW (42,600 BTU/hr)[1]
Minimum flue draught.....12 Pa (0.048" WG)
Mean flue gas temp.....414° C (777° F)
Efficiency (space heating) 75.2%
Area heated..... Up to 175 sq. m (1900 sq. ft.)[1]
Fuel size/type .....508 mm (20") wood
Flue mass gas flow ..... 8.2 g/s
CO Emissions (@ 13% O_2).....1300 ppm
Loading..... Front or top
Chimney connector:
  for 8" oval flue collar..... 203 mm (8") diameter
  for optional 6" flue collar..... 152 mm (6") diameter
Chimney flue size:
  for 8" oval flue collar.....203 mm (8") minimum
  for optional 6" flue collar.....152 mm (6") minimum
Flue exit position..... Reversible, top or rear
Primary air ..... Manual control
Secondary air .....Fixed, Self-regulating
Ash handling system .....Removable ash pan
Glass panel.....High-temperature, IR coated ceramic
Weight ..... 179 kg (395 lbs.)
Width (leg-to-leg)..... 686 mm (27")
Depth (leg-to-leg)..... 381 mm (15")
Height to top of flue collar, (6" or 8")
  Top exit..... 641 mm (25¼")
  Rear exit..... 673 mm (26½")

1. This value can vary depending on how the stove is operated, the type and moisture content of the fuel used, as well as the design, construction and climatic location of your home. Figures shown are based on nominal fuel consumption obtained under laboratory conditions and on average efficiencies.

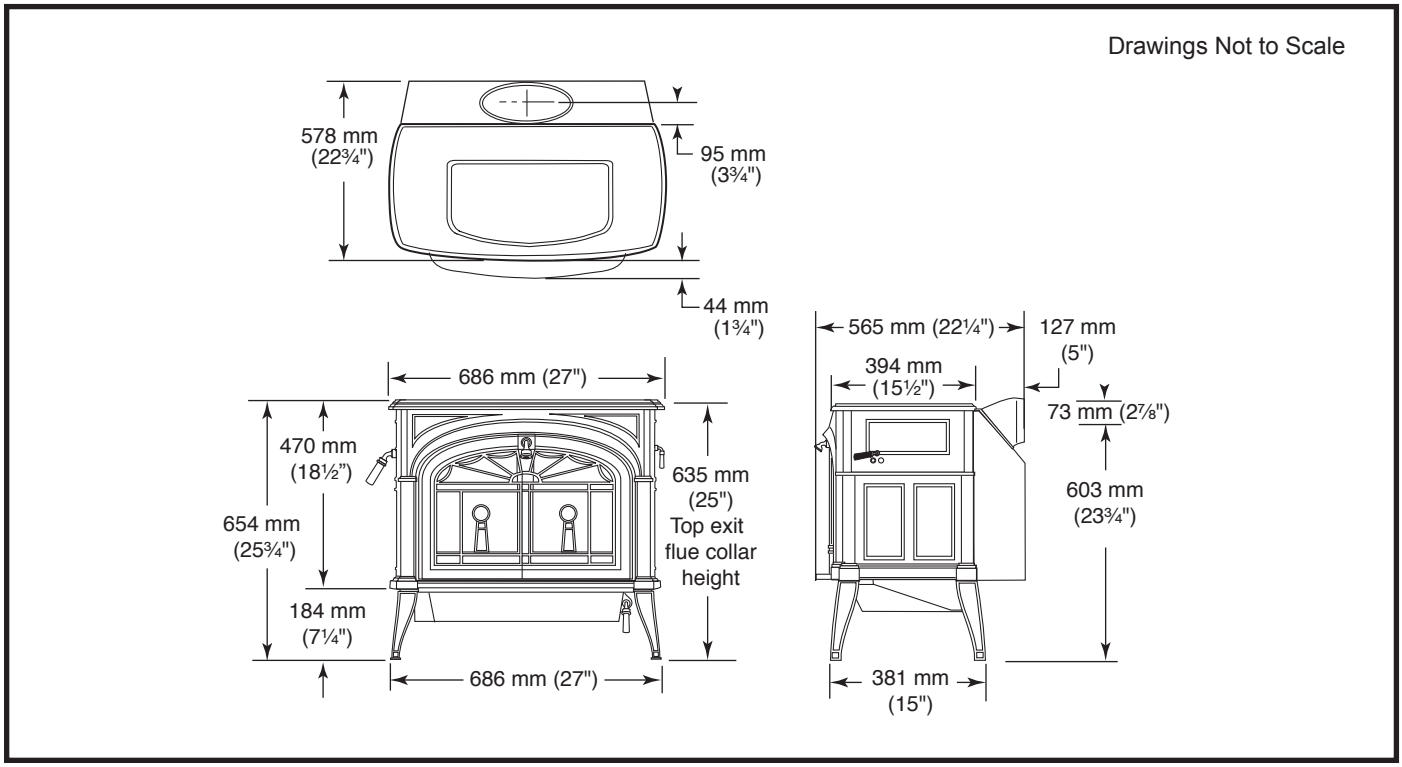

Fig. 1 Encore dimensions.

Installation

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Before you begin an installation, be sure that:

- Your stove and chimney connector will be far enough from combustible materials to meet all tested clearance requirements.
- The floor protector is large enough and is constructed properly to meet all tested requirements.
- You have all necessary permits from local authorities.

Your local building official is the final authority for approving your installation as safe and determining that it meets local and state codes.

The metal label permanently attached to the back of every Vermont Castings' stove indicates the stove has been tested and meets current standards. Clearance and installation information also is printed on the label. When the stove is installed according to the information both on the label and in this manual, local authorities in most cases will accept the label as evidence that the installation meets codes and can be approved.

However, codes vary in different countries. Before starting the installation, review your plans with the local building authority. Your local dealer can provide any additional information needed.

IMPORTANT: FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN A DANGEROUS SITUATION, INCLUDING A CHIMNEY OR HOUSE FIRE. FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS EXACTLY, AND DO NOT ALLOW MAKESHIFT COMPROMISES TO ENDANGER PROPERTY AND PERSONAL SAFETY.

All local regulations, including those referring to national and European standards need to be complied with when installing this stove.

Outside Air

In some modern, super-insulated homes, there is inadequate air for combustion because of insufficient air infiltration into the building. Such air enters a home through unsealed cracks and openings. Exhaust fans for kitchen or bath can compete with the stove for available air and compound the problem.

When poor draft is caused by a low infiltration rate, opening a ground floor window on the windward side of the house and in the vicinity of the stove will usually alleviate the problem.

For appliances with power outputs above 5 kW, a permanently open air vent is required by Section 2 of Document J. Air inlet grilles should be positioned so they will not be blocked. Refer to local and national codes for recommended configurations.

Pressure variations within the house do not affect a stove equipped with an outside air supply, and improved stove performance often results. An Outside Air Adapter Kit for the Encore is available from your local Vermont Castings dealer.

Chimney Height

Altitude affects chimney performance. When using a 152 mm (6") flue collar on the Encore NC, refer to Figure 2 for suggested chimney heights at various altitudes. Chimney height should be measured from the flue collar to the top of the chimney. The recommended minimum chimney height is 4.9 m (16').

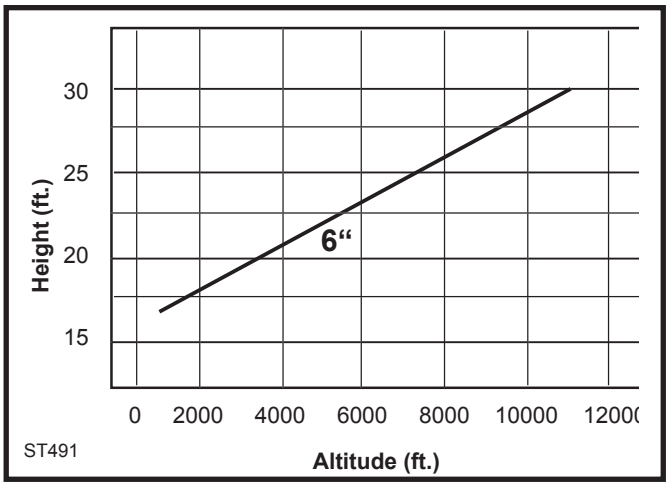

Fig. 2 Chimney height requirements for Encore when equipped with a 6" chimney.

What Kind of Chimney to Use

You must connect the Encore to a code-approved masonry chimney with a flue liner, to a relined masonry chimney that meets local codes, or to a prefabricated metal chimney. The chimney and chimney connector must be in good condition and kept clean.

If you use an existing masonry chimney, it must be inspected to ensure it is in a safe condition before the stove is installed. Your local professional chimney sweep, building inspector, or fire department official will be able to inspect the chimney or provide a referral to someone who can.

The flue and chimney design must meet requirement J2, Part J of the building regulations 2000 (Combustion Appliances and Fuel Storage Systems).

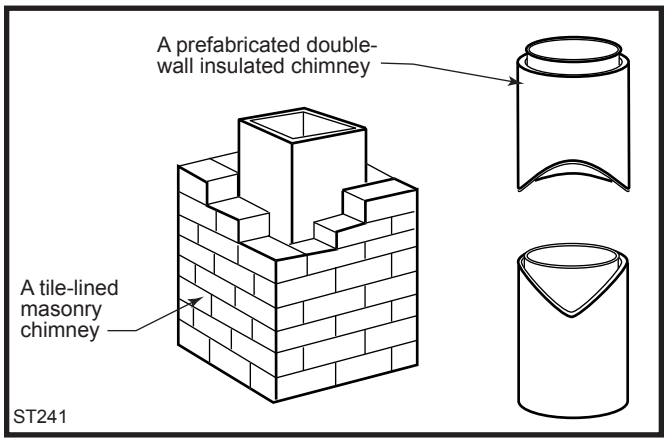

Fig. 3 Approved chimney types.

Masonry Chimneys

An inspection of the chimney must confirm that it has a lining. Do not use an unlined chimney. The chimney should have no cracks, loose mortar, other signs of deterioration, and blockage. Repair any defects before the chimney is used with your stove.

Unused openings in an existing masonry chimney must be sealed with masonry to the thickness of the chimney wall, and the chimney liner should be repaired. Openings sealed with pie plates or wallpaper are a hazard and should be sealed with mortar or refractory cement. In the event of a chimney fire, flames and smoke may be forced out of these unused thimbles.

The chimney should be thoroughly cleaned before use.

A newly-built masonry chimney must conform to the standards of your local building code or, in the absence of a local code, to a recognized national code. Masonry chimneys must be lined, either with code-approved masonry or pre-cast refractory tiles, stainless steel pipe, or a code-approved, “poured-in-place” liner. The chimney’s clean-out door must seal tightly.

Prefabricated Chimneys

These should be an internal diameter of 150 mm (6”) and be of the twin wall insulated construction that has been approved for solid fuel use (e.g. Rite Vent ICS of ICID Lite Chimney Systems). Diameters over 200 mm (8”) are not recommended due to the large cross-section causing excessive cooling of the flue gases.

DO NOT CONNECT THIS UNIT TO A CHIMNEY FLUE SERVING ANOTHER APPLIANCE.

Chimney Size

An Encore with an 203 mm (8”) flue collar is approved for venting into a masonry chimney with a nominal flue size of 203 x 203 mm (8” x 8”) or 203 x 305 mm (8” x 12”), and into a round flue with nominal flue size of 203 mm (8”). An Encore with a 152 mm (6”) flue collar is approved for venting into a masonry chimney with a nominal flue size of 203 x 203 mm (8” x 8”), and into a round flue with nominal flue of 152 mm (6”).

NOTE: When installed with a 152 mm (6”) flue collar, the Encore may not be operated with the front doors open.

Whatever the flue collar size, an Encore may be vented into larger chimneys as well. However, chimneys with liners larger than 203 x 305 mm (8” x 12”) may experience rapid cooling of smoke and reduction in draft, especially if the chimneys are located outside the home. These large chimneys may need to be insulated or have their flues relined for proper stove performance.

Accessories to help make the connection between stainless steel chimney liners and your Encore are available through your local dealer.

Chimney Connector Guidelines

A chimney connector is the double-wall or single-wall pipe that connects the stove to the chimney. The chimney itself is the masonry or prefabricated structure that encloses the flue. Chimney connectors are used only to connect the stove to the chimney, as in Figure 5.

Connecting Flue Pipes

Connector pipes should meet the requirements of the building regulations. This can be achieved by the use connecting fluepipes included in the following categories:

a) Vitreous enamelled steel pipe complying with BS 6999: 1989 (1996);
b) Pipes made from stainless steel as descirbed in BS EN 1008-1:1995 grades 1.4401, 1.4404, 1.4432 or 1.4436 with flue wall thickness of at least 1 mm;
c) Mild steel fluepipes complying with BS 1449: Part 1: 1991, with a flue wall thickness of at least 3 mm;
d) Cast iron fluepipes complying with BS 41: 1973 (1998).

Flue Pipes with a spigot and socket joint should be fitted with the socket facing upwards, to contain condensates and moisture within the flue. Joints should be made gas tight using proprietary jointing accessories, or, where appropriate, by packing joint with noncombustible rope and fire cement.

Double-wall connectors must be tested and listed for use with solid-fuel burning appliances. Single-wall connectors should be made of 24 gauge or heavier steel. Do not use galvanized connector; it cannot withstand the high temperatures that can be reached by the stove's exhaust gases, and may release toxic fumes under high heat. The connector may be 152 mm (6") or 203 mm (8") in diameter.

If possible, do not pass the chimney connector through a combustible wall or ceiling. If passage through a combustible wall is unavoidable, refer to the section on Wall Pass-Throughs. Do not pass the connector through an attic, a closet or similar concealed space. The whole connector should be exposed and accessible for inspection and cleaning.

In horizontal runs of chimney connector, maintain a distance of 610 mm (24") from the ceiling. Keep it as short and direct as possible, with no more than two 90° turns. Slope horizontal runs of connector upward 6 mm per meter (1/4" per foot) going from the stove toward the chimney. The recommended maximum length of a horizontal run is 914 mm (36"), and the total length should be no longer than 2.4 m (8'). In cathedral ceiling installations, extend the prefabricated chimney downward to within 2.4 m (8') of the stove.

Wear gloves and protective eyewear when drilling, cutting or joining sections of chimney connector.

Single-wall Chimney Connectors

- Begin assembly at the flue collar of the stove. Insert the first crimped end into the stove's flue collar, and keep each crimped end pointing toward the stove. (Fig. 4) Using the holes in the flue collar as guides, drill 3 mm (1/8") holes in the bottom of the first section of chimney connector and secure it to the flue collar with three #10 x 1/2" sheet metal screws.

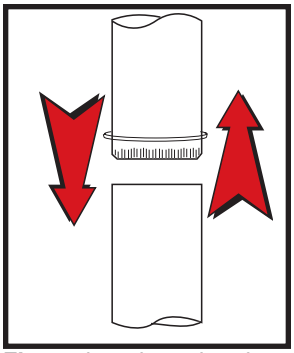

Fig. 4 the crimped end of the connector points toward stove.

- Secure each joint between sections of chimney connector, including telescoping joints, with at least three (3) sheet metal screws. The pre-drilled holes in the top of each section of chimney connector serve as guides when you drill 3 mm (1/8") holes in the bottom of the next section.
- Secure the chimney connector to the chimney. Instructions for various installations follow.
- Be sure the stove and chimney connector are installed at the correct distances from nearby combustible materials as per tested clearance. Refer to Encore Clearance Diagrams.

NOTE: Special slip pipes and thimble sleeves that form telescoping joints between sections of chimney connector are available to simplify installations. They often eliminate the need to cut individual connector sections.

Consult your local dealer about these special pieces.

Double-wall Chimney Connectors

Information on assembling and installing double-wall connectors is provided by the manufacturer of the double-wall pipe. Follow the manufacturer's instructions exactly as you assemble the connector and attach it to the stove and chimney. Using chimneys and connectors from the same manufacturer makes the assembly and installation straightforward.

NOTE: For installations using double-wall connectors, minimum clearances must conform to the listed clearances in the clearance chart on Page 13.

If the Encore is equipped with the 203 mm (8") flue collar, an oval-to-round adapter will be needed. Double-wall oval-to-round adapters are available from some manufacturers. Your local dealer can help you select the right connector.

Securing the Single-wall Connector to a Prefabricated Chimney

Follow the installation instructions of the chimney manufacturer exactly as you install the chimney. The manufacturer of the chimney will supply the accessories to support the chimney, either from the roof of the house, at the ceiling of the room where the stove is installed, or from an exterior wall.

Special adapters are available from your local dealer which connect the prefabricated chimney to the chimney connector. The top of such adapters attach directly to the chimney or to the chimney's ceiling support package, while the bottom of the adapter is screwed to the chimney connector.

These adapters are designed so the top end will fit outside the inner wall of the chimney, and the bottom end will fit inside the first section of chimney connector. When assembled in this way, any soot or creosote falling from the inner walls of the chimney will stay inside the chimney connector.

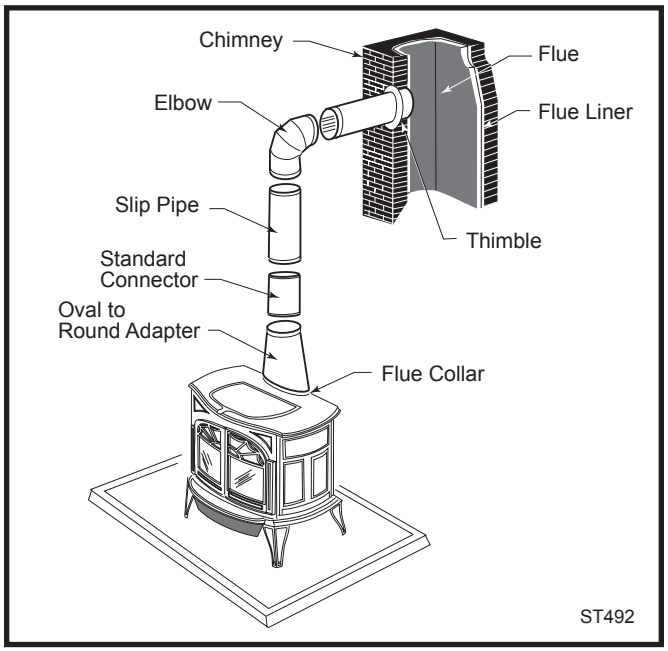

Fig. 5 An exploded view of the chimney connection in a free-standing masonry installation.

Securing the Single-wall Connector to a Masonry Chimney

Both freestanding masonry chimneys and fireplace masonry chimneys may be used for your installation.

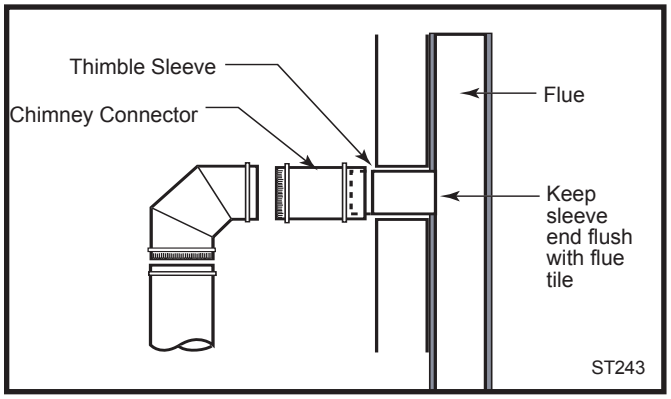

Fig. 6 The thimble, made of either ceramic or metal, must be cemented securely in place.

Freestanding Installations

If the chimney connector must pass through a combustible wall to reach the chimney, follow the recommendations in the Wall Pass-Through section later in this manual.

The opening through the chimney wall to the flue (the “breech”) must be lined with either a ceramic or metal cylinder, called the “thimble”, which is cemented securely in place. Most chimney breeches incorporate thimbles, but the fit must be snug and the joint between the thimble and the chimney wall must be cemented firmly.

A special piece called the “thimble sleeve,” slightly smaller in diameter than standard connectors and most thimbles, will facilitate the removal of the chimney connector system for inspection and cleaning. Thimble sleeves are available from your local dealer.

To install a thimble sleeve, slide it into the breech until it is flush with the inner flue wall. Do not extend it into the actual flue passage, as this could interfere with the draft.

The thimble sleeve should protrude 25-51 mm (1-2”) into the room. (Fig. 6) Use furnace cement and thin gasketing to seal the sleeve in place in the thimble. Secure the chimney connector to the outer end of the sleeve with sheet metal screws.

Without a thimble, a suitable length of chimney connector can be extended through the breech to the inner face of the flue liner, and cemented securely in place. Additional pieces of connector are then attached with sheet metal screws.

Fireplace Installations

The chimney connector may be connected to the chimney above the fireplace opening or through the fireplace.

Above the Fireplace

The Encore may be connected to a chimney above a fireplace opening. (Fig. 7) In such installations, the stove is positioned on the hearth in front of the fireplace and the chimney connector rises from the stove top and then angles ninety degrees back into the chimney. The chimney liner should extend to the point at which the chimney connector enters the chimney.

If the chimney connector from your installation enters the chimney above a fireplace, follow all the guidelines mentioned above for freestanding installations. In addition, give special consideration to the following points:

- Check the clearance between the stove and the chimney connector, and any combustible trim or the mantel. Use the necessary combination of mantel, trim, and connector heat shields to achieve the required clearances.
- Check the clearance between the chimney connector and the ceiling. If no heat shields are used, the clearance should be at least 610 mm (24”). To find out how much this clearance may be reduced with heat shields, refer to the clearance chart on Page 13.
- The fireplace damper must be sealed to prevent room air from escaping up the flue. However, it must be possible to re-open the damper to inspect or clean the chimney.

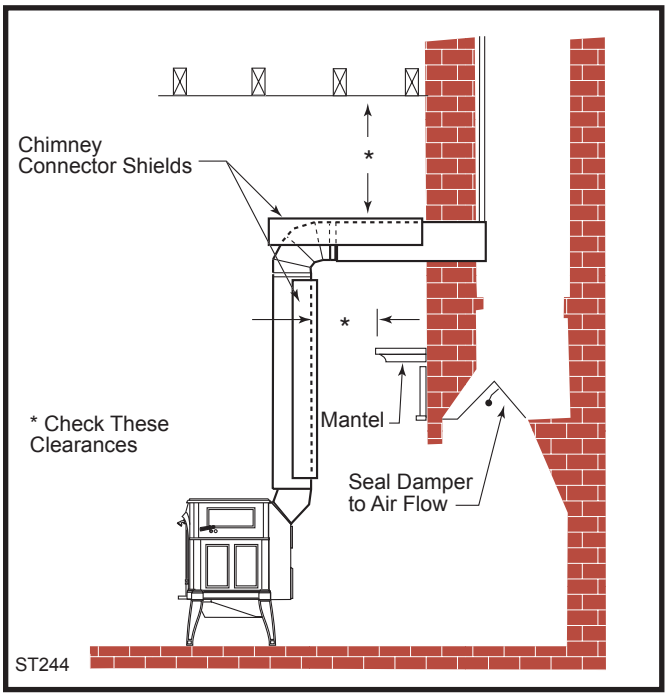

Fig. 7 In this installation, the chimney connector is attached to the chimney above the fireplace opening.

Through the Fireplace

If your fireplace opening height is at least 675 mm (26½"), you may install an Encore through the opening using a “positive connection” kit, available from your local dealer. These positive connection kits ensure a tight fit between the stove flue collar and the chimney flue. (Fig. 8)

Fireplace installations, whether connected to the flue above or through the fireplace opening, have special clearance requirements to adjacent trim and the mantel. You’ll find the required safe clearances for Encore fireplace installations on Page 12 and Figure 14.

Floor protection requirements also apply to fireplace installations. This information is on Page 19.

Wall Pass-Throughs

Whenever possible, design your installation so the connector does not pass through a combustible wall. If you are considering a wall pass-through in your installation, check with your building inspector before you begin. Also, check with the chimney connector manufacturer for any specific requirements.

Accessories are available for use as wall pass-throughs. If using one of these, make sure it has been tested and listed for use as a wall pass-through.

Figure 9 shows one recommended method. All combustible material in the wall is cut away from the single-wall connector to provide the required 305 mm (12”) clearance. Any material used to close up the opening must be noncombustible.

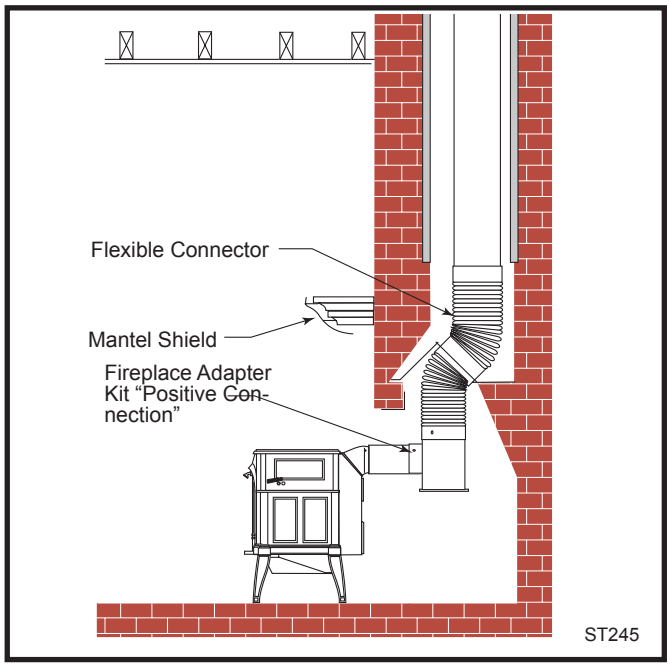

Fig. 8 In this installation, the chimney connector enters the firepalce opening and then connects to the chimney.

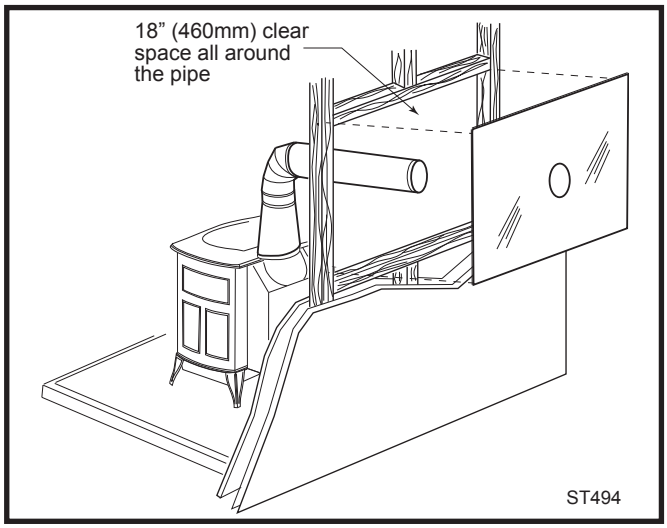

Fig. 9 An approved wall pass-through for Canada.

Three other methods are also approved by the NFPA:

- Using a section of double-wall chimney with a 229 mm (9”) clearance to combustibles.
- Placing a section of chimney connector inside a ventilated thimble, which in turn is separated from combustibles by 152 mm (6”) of fiberglass insulating material.
- Placing a section of chimney connector inside a section of 229 mm (9”) diameter, solid-insulated, factory-built chimney, with 51 mm (2”) of air space between the chimney section and combustibles.

Figure 10 shows one method of passing a connector through a wall. All combustible material in the wall is cut away to provide the required 457 mm (18”) clearance

for the connector. The resulting space must remain empty. A flush-mounted sheet metal cover may be used on one side only. If covers must be used on both sides, each cover must be mounted on noncombustible spacers at least 25 mm (1") clear of the wall.

Your local dealer or your local building inspector can provide details for other approved methods of passing a chimney connector through a combustible wall in your area.

DO NOT CONNECT AN ENCORE TO ANY AIR DISTRIBUTION DUCT OR SYSTEM.

Hearths

This appliance must be installed on to hearth that meets the requirements of Part J of the Building Regulations 2000 (Combustion Appliances and Fuel Storage Systems). This can be achieved by ensuring that the hearth is constructed and sized in accordance with the guidelines included in section 2 of approved document 'J'. The size and clearances of the hearth are as follows:

The constructed hearth should be constructed in accordance with the recommendations in document J, and should be of minimum width 840 mm and minimum depth 840 mm (if a free standing hearth b) above) or a minimum projection of 150 mm from the jamb (if a recessed hearth a) above).

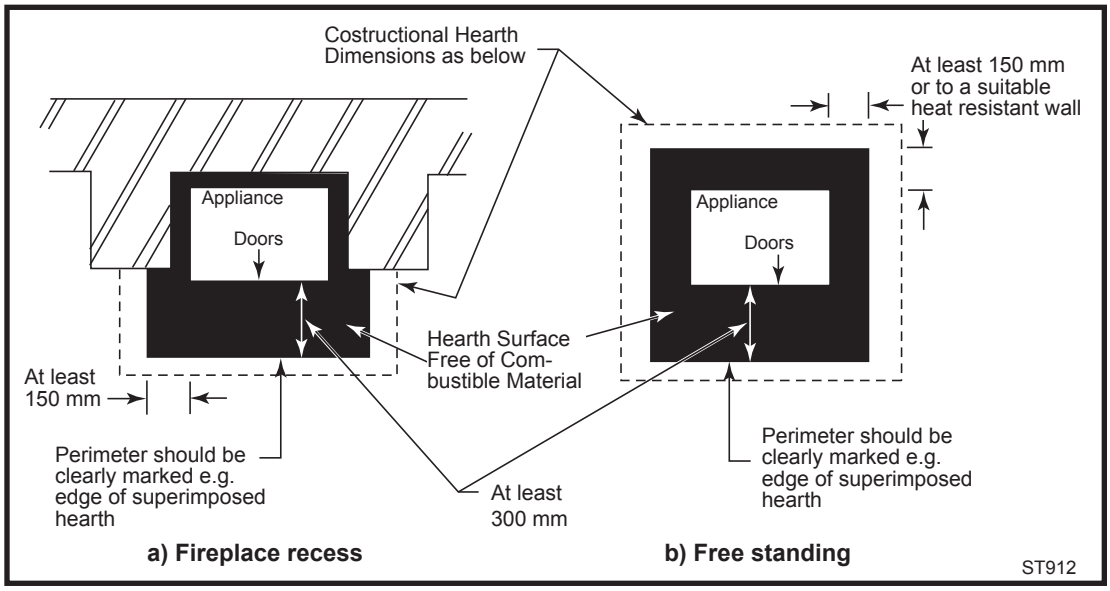

Fig. 10 Noncombustible hearth surface dimensions.

Floor Protection for Fireplace Installations

Do not assume that your fireplace hearth is completely noncombustible.

Many fireplace hearths do not meet the "completely noncombustible" requirement because the brick or concrete in front of the fireplace opening is supported by heavy wood framing. (Fig. 11) Because heat passes through brick or concrete readily, it can easily pass through to the wood. As a result, such fireplace hearths can be a fire hazard and are considered a combustible floor.

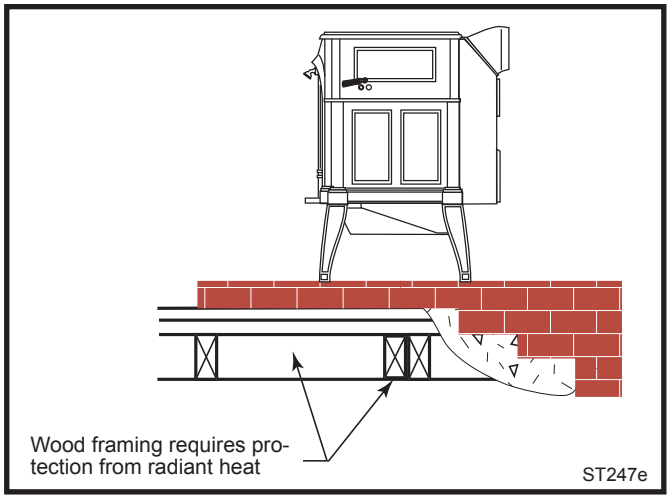

Fig. 11 Combustible supporting timbers may lie beneath fireplace hearths, requiring additional floor protection.

Keep in mind, also, that many raised hearths will extend less than the required clearance from the front of the heater when it is installed. In such cases, sufficient floor protection as described above must be added in front of the hearth to satisfy the minimum floor protector requirement from the front of the stove: 406 mm (16") from the front.

Hearth rugs do not satisfy the requirements for floor protection.

Fireplace installations also have special clearance requirements to the side walls, side decorative trim, and fireplace mantel. This information follows in the section on Fireplace and Mantel Trim Shields.

Keep the Stove a Safe Distance from Surrounding Materials

Both a stove and its chimney connector radiate heat in all directions when operating, and dangerous overheating of nearby combustible materials can occur if they are too close to the heat. A safe installation requires that adequate clearance be maintained between the hot stove and its connector and nearby combustibles.

Clearance is the distance between either your stove (measured from the bottom edge of the stove's top plate) or chimney connector, and nearby walls, floors, the ceiling, and any other fixed combustible surface. Your stove has special clearance requirements that have been established after careful research and testing to both US and European standards. These clearance requirements must be strictly observed.

In addition, furnishings and other combustible materials must be kept away from the stove. In general, a distance of 1219 mm (48") must be maintained between the stove and moveable combustible items such as drying clothes, furniture, newspapers, firewood, etc. Keeping those clearance areas empty assures that nearby surfaces and objects will not overheat.

Clearances

As with any solid fuel heating stove, extremely high surface temperatures can occur, particularly in the event of uncontrolled operation, e.g. if the doors are inadvertently left open. It is crucial that sufficient clearances are allowed to any combustible surfaces, e.g. wooden mantels or lintels, and to timber framed (studded) walls even if they are faced with noncombustible board. Detailed information on fireplace and hearth construction is provided in section 2 of Document J, all installations must comply with these requirements or with the relevant National or local building standards.

Clearances to timber framed (studded) walls are included below. There are no specific minimum clearances to solid noncombustible surfaces (e.g. the sides and rear of Inglenook fire openings constructed from solid masonry) other than to allow safe access to the controls of the stove. For this reason minimum side clearances of 125 mm, and a minimum rear clearance of 50 mm are recommended.

Summary of Clearances

Minimum recommended side clearances to noncombustible surfaces 125 mm (5").

Minimum recommended rear clearance to noncombustible surfaces 50 mm (2").

NOTE: The minimum thickness of solid noncombustible materials is specified in section 2 of Document 'J', in relation to the clearance of the appliance from the surface. As a general rule, the thickness of solid noncombustible material forming the recess of a fireplace is a minimum of 200 mm.

Minimum rear clearance from combustible walls (e.g. timber framed or studded walls) 750 mm (29½") measured from the rear edge of the stove top. (Fig. 12, B)

Minimum side clearance from combustible walls 550 mm (21⅝") measured from the side edge of the stove top. (Fig. 12, A)

Minimum distance from stove to movable combustible materials (e.g. furniture, drying clothes, etc.) 1220 mm (48").

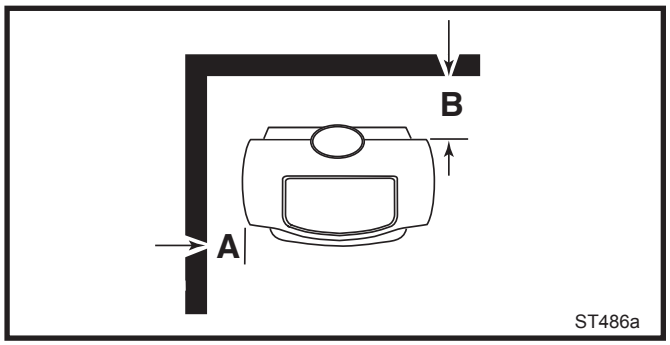

Fig. 12 Minimum clearances.

Connecting Flue Pipe - Clearances

Single wall connecting fluepipes can reach extremely high temperatures; therefore, clearances from the connecting fluepipe (chimney connector) must comply with the requirements of Part J of Building Regulations 2000 (Combustion Appliances and Fuel Storage Systems). This can be achieved by following the recommendations of Approved Document 'J'. These are as shown in Figure 13.

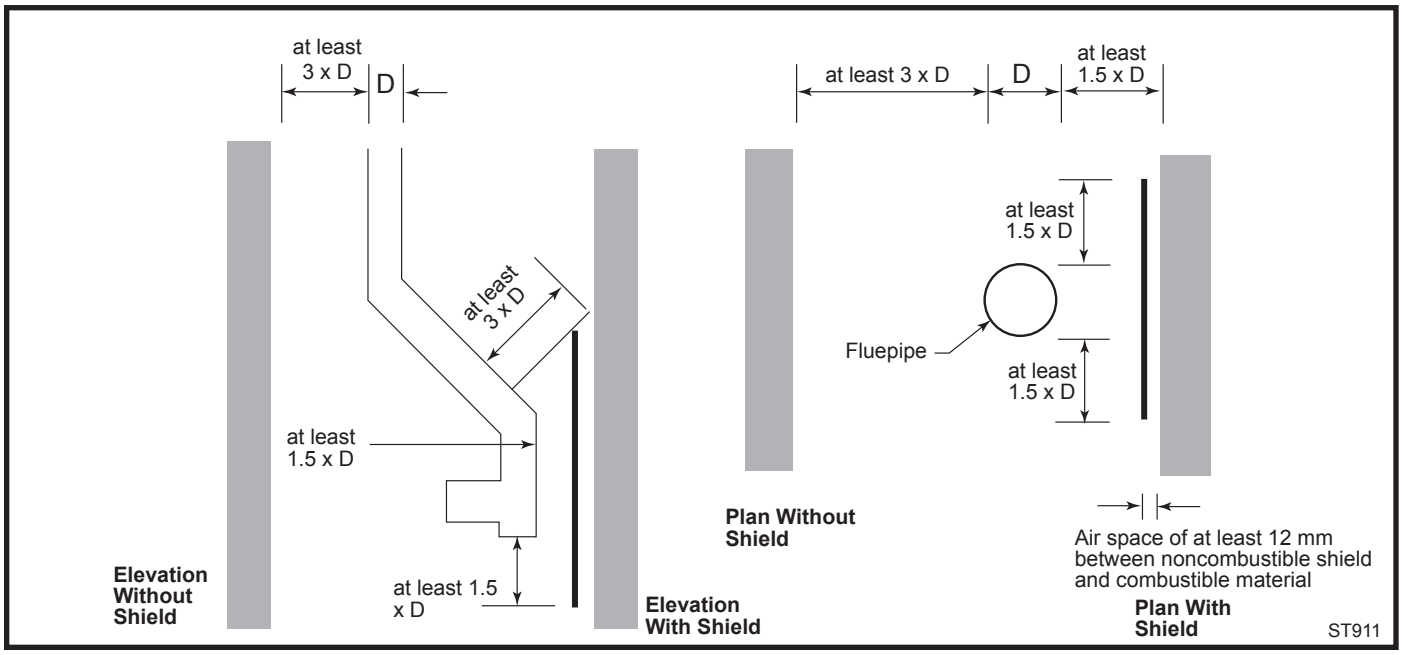
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Fig. 13 Connecting fluepipe clearances.

Assembly

Set Up Your Stove

Cast iron stoves are heavy, and it will take two to four people to move your Encore into position.

Wipe the protective coating of oil from the griddle with a clean dry rag or a paper towel.

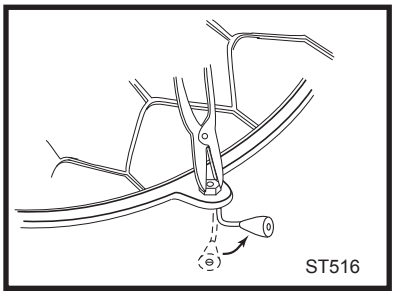


Fig. 14 Attach the griddle handle.

Install the handle on the griddle. First, place the griddle upside down at the edge of a flat surface and assemble the handle as shown.

With the handle pointing 45° from its final position, tighten the nut as far as possible with the pliers. Move the handle to its final position while still holding the nut with the pliers.

Install the Bottom Heat Shield

NOTE: The Bottom Heat Shield is required in most installations.

1. Remove the four 10-24 x 1/2” hex head bolts from the corners of the ash drop on the stove bottom.
2. Align the bottom heat shield against the spacers with the outside air knockout hole toward the rear of the stove.
3. Secure the shield with the four (4) hex head bolts removed from the stove bottom previously.
4. Tighten securely.

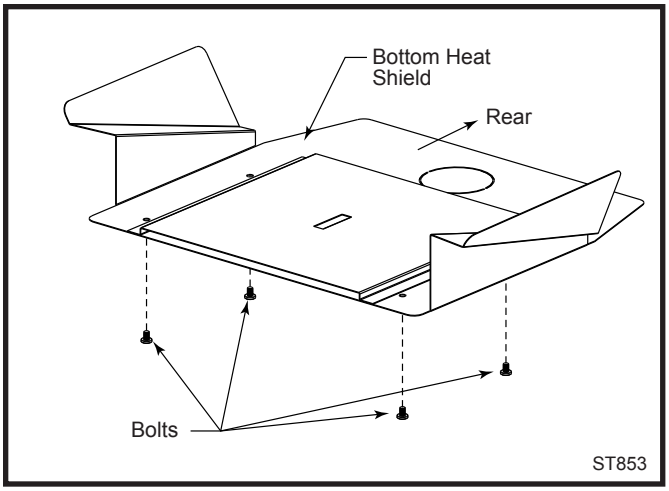


Fig. 15 Use four (4) bolts to attach the bottom heat shield.

Adjust the Leg Levellers

Lift the stove slightly so there is no weight on the leg while making the adjustment.

Reverse the Flue Collar (If Necessary)

Reverse the flue collar by removing the two (2) screws that attach it to the back of the stove. Be sure the gasket around the flue collar opening is in position when you screw the collar back onto the stove.

Attach the Primary Air Thermostat Handle

The primary air thermostat handle is the smaller of the two black handles. Secure the handle to the stub on the right side of the stove with an 8-32 x 2” slot head machine screw.

Attach the Damper Handle

Use the 1/4” -20 x 3” screw to attach the damper handle to the damper stub on the left side.

Assemble the Removable Insert Handle

The white removable insert handle opens and closes the front doors. Remove after each use so it won’t get hot. Store it in the handle holder installed behind the right front leg. Assemble the handle by passing the 3⅜" screw through the ceramic shaft and into the bright metal nub. Tighten carefully until snug.

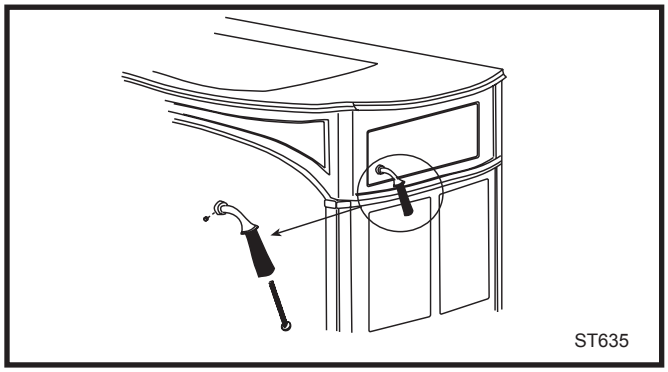


Fig. 16 Attach thermostat handle.

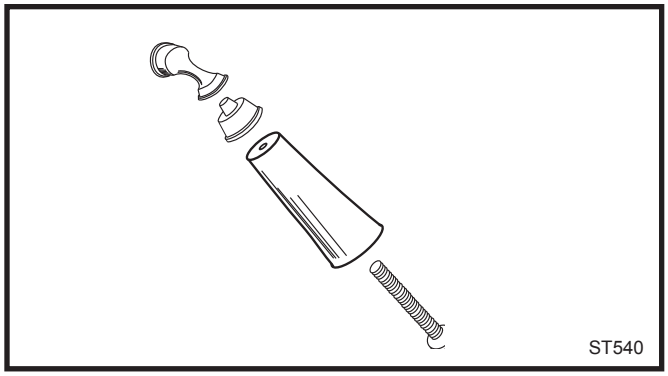


Fig. 17 Assemble the front door handle.

Fan Kit Installation

1. Remove the sheet metal outer back shown in Figure 18.
2. Attach the fan assembly at the bottom edge of the inner back with two (2) 1/4-20 x 3/4” hex head screws and one (1) 1/4” star washer.
3. Attach snapstat to the mounting holes on the underside of the bottom with two (2) 1/4-20 pan head screws.
4. Attach the rheostat holder, (provided with stove), under the right wing of the bottom heat shield with two (2) #10 sheet metal screws.
5. Attach the rheostat to its holder by inserting the rheostat control shaft through the holder hole. Install the retaining ring and rheostat onto the shaft.
6. Secure the rheostat cable to the underside of the bottom heat shield using the wire tie provided on the hole at the right rear edge of the heat shield.
7. Fan will not operate until stove reaches approximately 43° C (109° F).
8. Replace the sheet metal outer back.

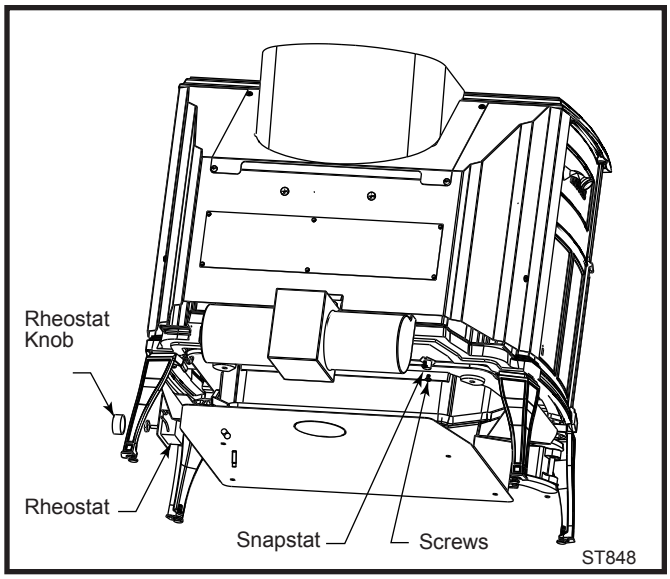


Fig. 18 Fan installation (Kit # 2767).

Operation

The Encore NC Controls

Two controls regulate the performance of the Encore NC: a **primary air control** supplies oxygen for the fire, and a **damper** directs air flow within the stove to activate and deactivate the non-catalytic combustion system. Except when starting or reviving a fire, adding fuel or when the stove doors are open, the damper should always be closed. Operation for extended periods with the bypass open could result in overfiring of the stove causing a possible safety hazard and damage to the stove.

Symbols cast into the stove indicate the correct directions for opening and closing the controls. The symbols assume that you are facing the front of the stove.

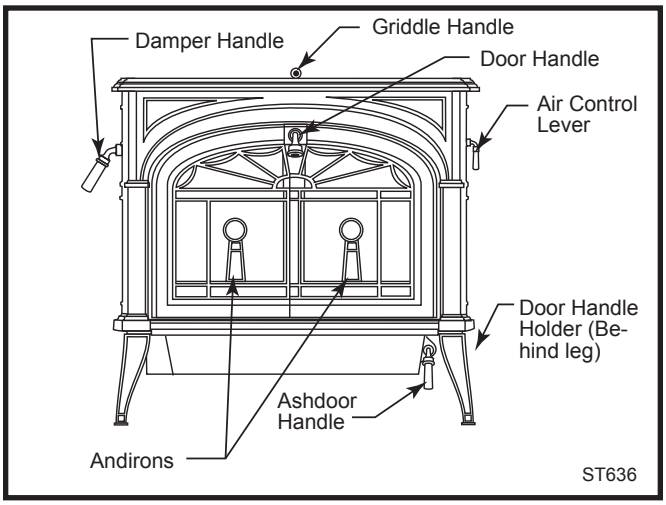


Fig. 19 The Encore controls are conveniently located and easy to operate.

A Single Air Control Regulates Heat Output and Burn Time

The **primary air control lever**, located on the right side of the stove, controls the amount of incoming air for starting, maintaining, and reviving a fire.

More air entering the stove makes the fire burn hotter and faster, while less air prolongs the burn at a lower heat level. High and low settings appear in Figure 20.

For the greatest air supply and maximum heat output (but the shortest burn time), move the lever toward the front of the stove. For a fire that will last longer with less heat, move the lever toward the rear of the stove.

A Damper Directs Air Flow Within the Stove

The **damper handle** on the left side of the stove opens and closes the damper to direct air flow within the stove.

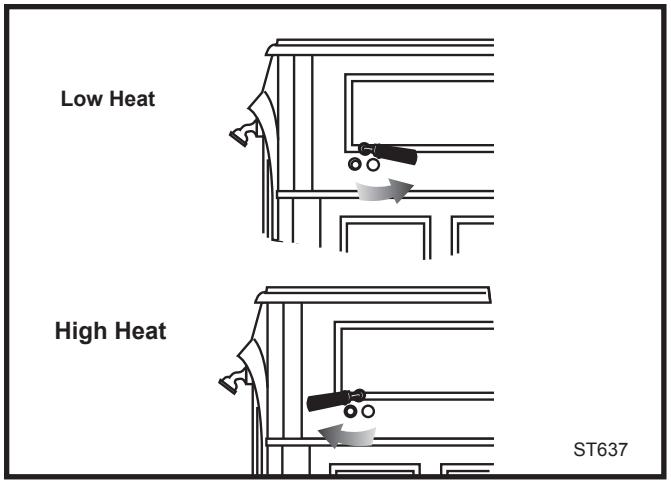


Fig. 20 The handle may be positioned anywhere between the two extremes for different heat levels.

The damper is **open** when the handle points to the back of the stove, enabling smoke to pass directly into the chimney. The damper must be open when starting or reviving a fire, and before and whenever the griddle or doors are opened.

The damper is **closed** when the handle points **forward**. Smoke from the fire is directed through the secondary combustion system where it can be further burned for greater efficiency, before passing up the chimney.

When closing the damper, be sure to pull firmly enough to snap it into the locked position.

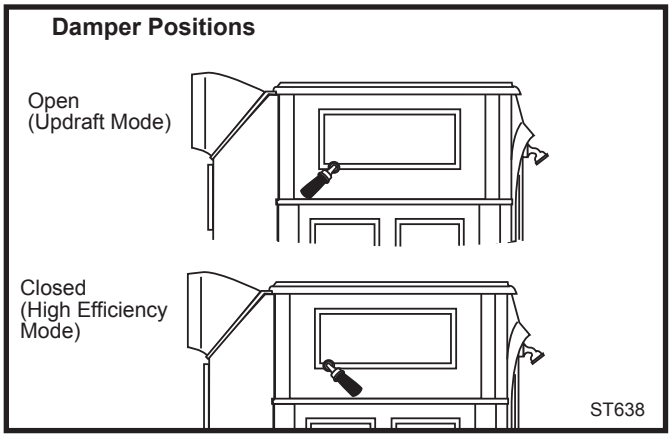


Fig. 21 The damper is either open or closed. There are no intermediate positions.

Two Ways to Add Fuel

The Encore's griddle lifts for convenient top-loading of logs, and is the easiest way to regularly add fuel.

In addition, however, the front doors open for adding an occasional log to a fire. **The Encore is not approved in Europe for operation with the front doors.**

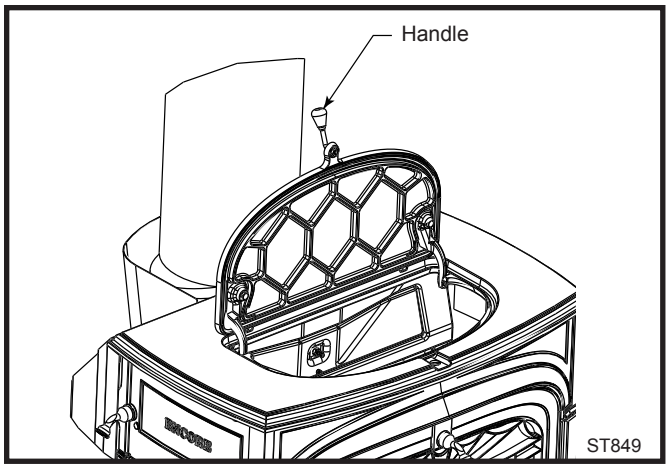


Fig. 22 The Encore's hinged griddle makes it easy to top-load wood.

To open the front doors, insert the handle into the door latch stub and turn it clockwise. (Fig. 23)

To close them, always close the left door first. Turn the handle in the right door first clockwise to the open position and swing the door closed. Finally, push on the door as you turn the handle counterclockwise (down). The doors will draw in slightly, and the handle should offer some resistance as you turn it to the closed position.

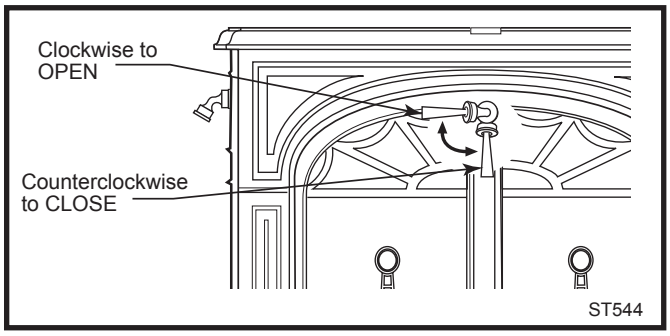


Fig. 23 To open the front doors, turn the handle clockwise.

To reduce the risk of breaking the glass, avoid striking the glass or slamming the doors.

When not using the door handle, store it in the holder behind the right front leg of the stove. (Fig. 19)

This stove id designed to operate efficiently with the fire doors (front doors and griddle) closed. The firebox and ash doors should be kept closed at all times except when refueling or removing ashes.

Infrared Reflective Glass Panels for Clear Fire Viewing

The inner surfaces of the **infrared reflective glass** panels are kept at a higher temperature than the outer surface. This design, along with a preheated 'airwash,' makes clear fire viewing possible at most levels of operation.

Andirons Help Protect the Glass

Your stove has andirons to keep logs away from the glass panels. The andirons are essential to maintain clear fire viewing, and should be left permanently in place. Since the andirons may slightly hinder refueling through the front doors, many stove owners will prefer the convenience of top loading through the griddle.

Burn Only High-Quality Wood

The Encore is designed to burn natural wood only; do not burn fuels other than that for which it was designed.

You'll enjoy the best results when burning wood that has been adequately air-dried. Avoid burning "green" wood that has not been properly seasoned, or cordwood dried more than two years. **Do not burn construction materials**; they often contain chemicals and metals that are harmful to the stove, chimney system and the environment. The wood should be 457-610 mm (18-20") in length.

The best hardwood fuels include oak, maple, beech, ash, and hickory that has been split, stacked, and air-dried outside under cover for at least one year.

If hardwood is not available, you can burn softwoods which include tamarack, yellow pine, white pine, Eastern red cedar, fir, and redwood. These too should be properly dried. The basic difference between hard and soft wood is their density. Hardwoods, because of their greater density, burn longer than softwoods and can increase the time between refuelings.

Store wood under cover to keep it dry. The longer it is stored in a dry condition, the better heating and fire viewing performance you will enjoy. Even for short-term storage, however, keep wood a safe distance from the heater and keep it out of the areas around the heater used for refueling and ash removal.

Use the Air Control Settings that Work Best for You

No single air control setting will fit every situation. Each installation will differ depending on the quality of the fuel, the amount of heat desired, how long you wish the fire to burn, climactic conditions; outdoor air temperature and pressure may also effect draft.

The control setting also depends on your particular installation's "draft," or the force that moves air from the stove up through the chimney. Draft is affected by such things as the length, type, and location of the chimney, local geography, nearby obstructions, and other factors. Refer to Page 19 for details on how the installation affects performance.

Too much draft may cause excessive temperatures in the Encore, and could even damage the stove. On the

other hand, too little draft can cause backpuffing into the room and/or the "plugging" of the chimney.

How do you know if your draft is excessively high or low? Symptoms of too much draft include an uncontrollable burn or a glowing-red stove part. A sign of inadequate draft is smoke leaking into the room through the stove or chimney connector joints, low heat output and dirty glass.

In some newer homes that are well-insulated and weather-tight, poor draft may result from insufficient air in the house. In such instances, an open window near the stove on the windward side of the house will help provide the fresh air needed.

In some areas provisions for outside combustion air are required. Refer to section 2 of Document J which requires an outside air vent for appliances with power outputs over 5 kW. Always refer to national and local codes to determine your specific requirements.

Your Encore is equipped to deliver outside air for combustion.

When first using the stove, keep track of the air control settings. You will quickly find that a specific setting will give you a fixed amount of heat. It may take a week or two to determine the amount of heat and the length of burn you should expect from various settings.

Most installations do not require a large amount of combustion air, especially if adequate draft is available. **Do not attempt to increase the firing of your heater by altering the air control adjustment range outlined in these directions.**

Use the following air control settings as a starting point to help determine the best settings for your installation. Each is described as a fraction of the total distance the lever may be moved from right to left.

Encore Control Settings

Burn Rate	Primary Air Control
Low	From far right to 1/3 the distance to left
Medium	From 1/3 to 2/3 the distance to left
High	From 2/3 the distance to left to far left

DO NOT OPERATE THE STOVE WITH THE ASH DOOR OPEN. OPERATION WITH THE ASH DOOR OPEN CAN CAUSE AN OVERFIRING CONDITION TO OCCUR. OVERFIRING THE STOVE IS DANGEROUS AND CAN RESULT IN PROPERTY DAMAGE, INJURY OR LOSS OF LIFE.

Conditioning Your Stove

Cast iron is extremely strong, but it can be broken with a sharp blow from a hammer or from the thermal shock of rapid and extreme temperature change.

The cast plates expand and contract with changes in temperature. When you first begin using your Encore, minimize thermal stress by allowing the plates to adjust gradually during three or four initial break-in fires.

Starting and Maintaining a Wood Fire

Burn only solid wood in the Encore, and burn it directly on the grate. Do not elevate the fuel. Do not burn coal or other fuels.

The bypass damper must be open when starting a fire or when refueling.

Do not use chemicals or fluids to start the fire. Do not burn garbage. Never use flammable fluids such as gasoline, gasoline type lantern fuel, kerosene, charcoal lighter fluid, naptha, engine oil or similar liquids to start or "freshen up" a fire in this heater. Keep all such liquids well away from the heater while it is in use.

During the break-in fires, do not let the stove get hotter than 260° C (500° F) as measured on an optional stove-top thermometer. Adjust the air control lever as necessary to control the fire.

Some odor from the stove's hot metal, the paint, and the cement is normal for the first few fires.

NOTE: Some chimneys need to be "primed," or warmed up, before they will draw sufficiently to start a fire. To correct this situation, roll up a couple pieces of newspaper, place them on top of the kindling and toward the back of the stove, light them, and close the doors. This will encourage smoke to rise rapidly, encouraging a good draft.

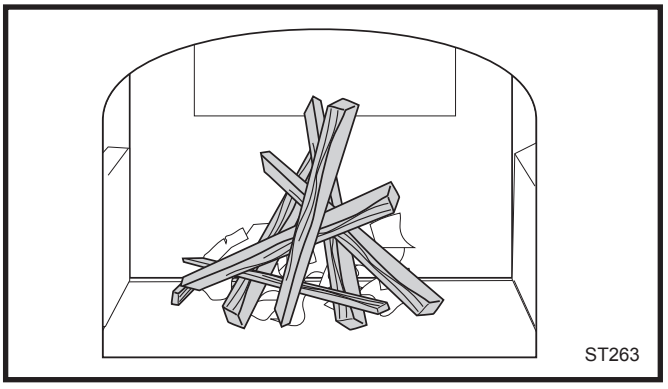


Fig. 24 Start fire with newspaper and dry kindling.

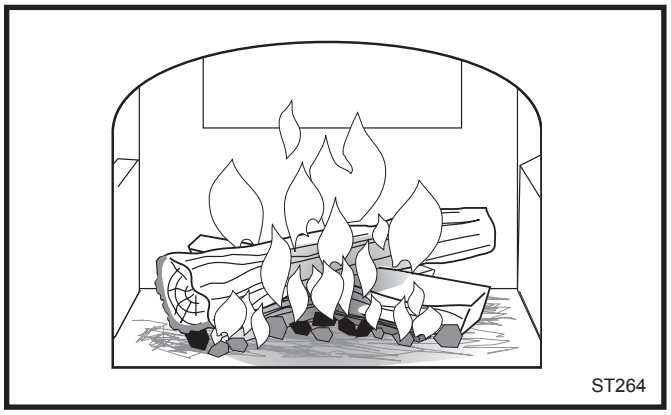


Fig. 25 Add larger pieces of wood as the fire begins to burn well.

Once the draft is established, open the front door and light the rest of the fuel from the bottom. Do not light the main bed of fuel until the chimney begins drawing, and repeat the procedure as often as necessary if the initial attempt is unsuccessful.

If your Encore has been broken-in previously using, continue to build the fire gradually. Add larger wood with a diameter of 76-102 mm (3-4"). Continue adding split logs of this size to the briskly-burning fire until there is a glowing ember bed at least 76 mm (3") deep. A good ember bed is necessary for proper functioning of the combustion system and may take an hour or more to establish.

Refuel While the Embers Are Still Hot

When reloading, best results will be achieved if you first de-ash the stove by stirring the fuel bed to allow ash to fall through the grate into the ash pan.

Do not break the charcoal into very small pieces or pound or compress the charcoal bed.

It is important that air can circulate through the charcoal bed while the heater is in operation. Larger pieces of charcoal allow more air to circulate under the wood, resulting in the fire reviving more quickly.

For best results when refueling, wear stove gloves to protect your hands, add fuel while the stove still has plenty of glowing embers to re-kindle the fire, and include some smaller pieces of wood in the new fuel load to help the stove regain its operating temperature quickly. Use this sequence as a guide to successful refueling.

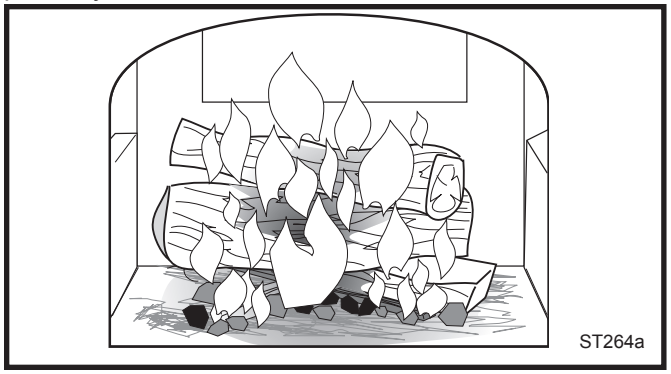


Fig. 26 Add full-size logs when the kindling has burned down to a bed of embers.

NOTE: Door handles can be hot. A glove has been included with your stove. We recommend using this glove whenever operating door or damper controls and especially when operating the top griddle.

1. Open the damper.
2. De-ash the stove as described above. Open the front doors and check the level of ash in the ash pan. Empty the pan if necessary and replace it in the stove. Close the front doors.
3. Open the griddle, load the wood (smaller pieces first), and close the griddle.
4. Allow the stove to regain its "thermal momentum" before closing the damper. This may take 15--20 minutes.
5. Close the damper and set the air control lever for the desired heat output. When the surface temperature reaches 230° C (450° F), adjust the air control for the amount of heat you desire.

NOTE: If the charcoal bed is relatively thick {about 51-76 mm (2"-3")} deep, and if your fuel is well seasoned, it is possible to add fresh fuel (smaller pieces first), close the door and damper, and reset the primary air control for the desired heat output within five minutes.

WARNING: FIREPLACE STOVES EQUIPPED WITH DOORS SHOULD BE OPERATED ONLY WITH DOORS FULLY OPEN OR DOORS FULLY CLOSED. IF DOORS ARE LEFT PARTLY OPEN, GAS AND FLAME MAY BE DRAWN OUT OF THE FIREPLACE STOVE OPENING CREATING RISKS FROM BOTH FIRE AND SMOKE.

CAUTION: The Encore will be hot while in operation. Keep children, clothing and furniture away. Contact may cause skin burns.

DO NOT OVERFIRE THIS HEATER. Overfiring may cause a house fire, or can result in permanent damage to the stove and to the catalytic combustor. If any part of the Encore glows, you are overfiring.

Ash Removal and Disposal

You should remove ash before it reaches the top of the ash pan. Check the level at least once a day. Every few days, clear any ash from the outer edges of the firebox and the cavity areas of the stove. Most of the ash will fall through the grate. Slice or stir the ash with a shovel or poker so that it falls through the grate slots.

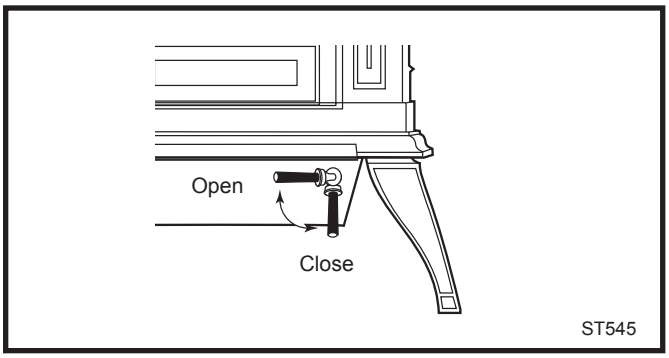


Fig. 27 Turn the handle to the ash pan compartment clockwise to open and counterclockwise to close.

IMPORTANT: Check the level of ash in the ash pan before reloading the stove. If the ash level is close to the top edge of the pan, empty the pan according to this procedure:

- Open the damper.
- Open the griddle or front doors, and use a shovel or poker to stir excess ash through the ash slots in the grate down into the ash pan.
- Close the griddle or doors, and unlatch the ash door. It will pivot, swinging the ash pan out of the stove.
- Slide the cover onto the pan, making sure it is securely closed. (Fig. 28)

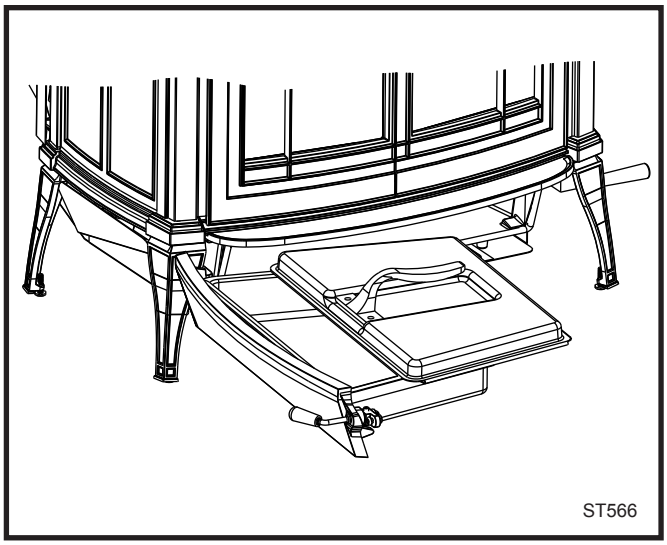


Fig. 28 Be sure the cover is securely attached before removing the ash pan.

- Remove the ash pan, making sure to keep it level.
- To keep the cover from sliding off and to keep ash from falling on the floor, do not tilt the ash pan forward.

  If the stove is in operation, close the ash door while disposing of the ash.
- Properly dispose of the ash in a metal container with a tight-fitting lid. Store the container outdoors away from all combustible material.
- Return the ash pan to its original position in the stove, and close and latch the ash door.
- Do not operate the stove with the ash door open. This will result in over-firing, and could cause damage to the stove, void the warranty, or even lead to a house fire.

Empty the ash pan regularly, typically every one to three days. The frequency will vary depending on how you operate your Encore: ash will accumulate faster at higher heat outputs.

Remove ash frequently and place it outdoors in a metal container with a tight-fitting lid. Place the closed container of ash on a noncombustible floor or on the ground, well away from all combustible materials, pending final disposal. If the ash is disposed of by burial in soil or otherwise locally dispersed, it should be kept in the closed container until all cinders have thoroughly cooled.

You can use wood ash as a garden fertilizer.

CAUTION: Never use your household or shop vacuum cleaner to remove ash from the stove; always remove and dispose of the ash properly.

Draft Management

A stove is part of a system which includes the chimney, the operator, the fuel and the home. Each part of the system affects how well the stove operates. When there is a good match between all the parts, the system works well.

Wood stove or insert operation depends on natural (unforced) draft. Natural draft occurs when the smoke is hotter (and therefore lighter) than the outdoor air at the top of the chimney. The larger the temperature difference, the stronger the draft. As the smoke rises from the chimney it provides suction or 'draw' that pulls air into the stove for combustion. A slow, lazy fire with the stove's air inlets fully open indicates a weak draft. A brisk fire, supported only by air entering the stove through the normal inlets, indicates a good draft. The stove's air inlets are passive; they regulate how much air can enter the stove, but depend entirely on the draft of the chimney.

Depending on the features of your installation - (i.e. metal or masonry chimney installed, inside or outside the house, matched to the stove's outlet or oversized) - your system may warm up quickly or it may take a while to warm up and operate well. With an 'airtight' stove or insert, one which restricts the amount of air getting into the firebox, the chimney must keep the smoke warm all the way to the outdoors. Some chimneys do this better than others. Here is a list of features and their effects.

Masonry Chimney

Masonry is a traditional material for chimneys, but it can perform poorly when it serves an 'airtight' stove. Masonry is a very effective 'heat sink' - it absorbs a lot of heat. It can cool the smoke enough to diminish draft. The bigger the chimney, the longer it takes to warm up. It's often very difficult to warm up an outdoor masonry chimney, especially an oversized one, and keep it warm enough to maintain an adequate draft.

Metal Chimney

Most factory-made metal chimneys have a layer of insulation around the inner flue. This insulation keeps the smoke warm. The insulation is less dense than masonry, so a steel chimney warms up more quickly than a masonry chimney. Metal doesn't have the good looks of masonry, but it often performs much better.

Indoor / Outdoor location

Because the chimney must keep the smoke warm, it is best to locate it inside the house. The relatively warm house then surrounds the chimney keeping it warm. This also means that heat from the chimney walls will transfer to the house and not be wasted outdoors. An indoor chimney will not lose its heat to the outdoors, so it takes less heat from the stove to heat it up and keep it warm.

Flue Sizing

The interior size of a chimney for an 'airtight' stove should match the size of the stove's flue outlet. When a chimney serves an airtight stove, "more" is not "better"; in fact, it can be a disadvantage. Exhaust gases move more slowly through larger chimneys and can lose more heat to the chimney walls. This weakens the draft strength. If an oversized flue is also outside the house, the heat it absorbs gets transferred to the outdoor air and the flue is further cooled.

It's common for a masonry flue, especially one serving a fireplace, to be oversized for the stove. It can take quite a while to warm up such a flue, and the results can be disappointing. The best solution to an oversized flue is an insulated steel chimney liner, the same diameter as the stove or insert's flue outlet; the liner keeps the exhaust warm, and the result is a stronger draft. An uninsulated liner is a second choice - the liner keeps the exhaust path restricted to its original size, but the air around the liner must still be heated. This makes the warm-up process take longer.

Pipe & Chimney Layout

Every turn the exhaust must take as it travels to the chimney top will slow it down. The ideal pipe and chimney layout is straight up from the stove, and into a vertical chimney. If you are starting from scratch, use this layout if possible. If the stovepipe must turn to enter a chimney, locate the thimble about midway between the stove top and the ceiling. This achieves several goals: it allows the exhaust gases to speed up before turning, it leaves some pipe in the room for heat transfer, and gives you long-term flexibility to install a future stove without relocating the thimble.

There should be no more than 8 feet (2.4m) of single-wall stove pipe between the stove and a chimney; longer runs can cool the exhaust gases enough to cause draft and creosote problems. Use double-wall stove pipe for long runs.

Single venting

Each 'airtight' stove requires its own chimney. If an airtight stove is vented to a flue that also serves an open fireplace, it is easier for the chimney draft to pull air in through those channels than it is to pull air through the stove, and performance suffers. Imagine a vacuum cleaner with a hole in the hose to see the effect here. In some cases the other appliance can even cause a negative draft through the airtight, and result in a dangerous draft reversal.

Creosote

Creosote is a by-product of slow wood-burning. It is an organic tar that can condense in the flue if the exhaust gases cool too much. Condensed creosote is volatile, and can fuel chimney fires if it gets hot enough. All the factors that affect chimney draft also affect creosote condensation - so use installation features and operational steps that will encourage good draft and minimize creosote production.

Because letting the smoke cool off and slow down is one of the keys to creosote production, it makes sense to line a chimney to match the stove's outlet size, for safety reasons as well as performance. Consult a qualifed installer and check local and national codes for recommended chimney sizing.

Fuel

Even the best stove installation will not perform well with poor fuel. The best fuel is hardwood that has air-dried 12-18 months and is stored, covered from the elements. Softwoods burn well, but not as long as hardwood. 'Green' wood has more moisture in it; it will burn, but more of the heat from the fire is needed to drive the extra moisture off the wood. This reduces the amount of heat that reaches your home and can contribute to a creosote problem. There are moisture meters available for firewood; you can also judge your wood by its appearance and weight. If you get it green, lift a piece and get a sense of its weight; it can lose a third or more of its weight as it dries. Also look at the ends of a log; as it dries it shrinks and often cracks. The more weathered and cracked a piece is, the drier it is.

Back-puffing

"Back-puffing" results when the fire produces volatile gases faster than the chimney draft pulls them out of the firebox. The gases back up in the firebox until they are dense enough and hot enough to ignite. If your stove back-puffs, you should open the damper to direct more heat up the chimney to allow the smoke to rise to the flue more quickly, let more air into the firebox. Smaller loads of wood, larger pieces of wood and avoiding overly dry wood loaded into a very hot stove may help this problem. If back-puffing persists, contact your dealer or qualified chimney sweep to help diagnose the problem.

Draft Testing

An easy way to test your chimney draft is to close the stove's damper, wait a few minutes to let the airflow stabilize, then see whether you can vary the strength of the fire by swinging the air control open and closed. Results are not always instant; you may need to wait a few minutes for a change in the air control setting to have an effect on the fire. If there's no change, then the draft isn't strong enough yet to let you close the damper, and you'll need to open it for a while longer and manage the fire with the air inlet until the draft strengthens. Test chimney draft with a draft gauge.

Negative Pressure

Good draft also depends on a supply of air to the stove; a chimney can't pull in more air than is available to it. Sluggish draft results when a house is tight enough to prevent the ready flow of air to the stove, or by competition between the stove and other equipment that removes air from the house - especially power-driven equipment like range hoods, clothes dryers, etc. If the chimney draws well with all other equipment turned off (or sealed, in the case of fireplaces and/or other stoves), then you simply need to be careful with timing the use of the other equipment. If you need to crack a nearby window or door to enable the chimney to pull well, that's a sign that you should install an outside-air intake to bring combustion air directly to the stove. For most of our stoves, adapters are available to connect an air duct for outdoor combustion air.

In many cases, local or national codes require the installation of permanently open air vents, particularly with larger appliances (i.e. above 5 kW). Refer to these codes to determine specific requirements for your installation.

Conclusion

Wood-burning is an art rather than a science. Once the stove and chimney system are in place, you can only vary your technique, mostly your timing, to achieve good results. If you keep track of your burning habits and relate them to their effects on the stove's operation, you'll be rewarded with good performance and a safe system.

Maintenance

Below you will find important information on general care, inspection and maintenance of your Vermont Castings stove. Should it become necessary, use only replacement parts recommended by your authorized dealer.

Keep Your Stove Looking New and Working Its Best

Let the fire in the stove go out and allow the stove to cool completely before beginning any maintenance procedure.

Care of the Cast Iron Surface

An occasional dusting with a dry rag will keep the painted cast iron of your Encore looking new.

The stove's paint can be touched up as needed. First, mask the areas, such as enamelled parts, glass, or handles, around the area to be painted. Clean the area with a wire brush to remove any loose paint or dust. Remove the griddle and set it aside.

Then, touch up the stove with Vermont Castings' high temperature stove paint. Apply the paint sparingly; two light coats of paint are better than a single heavy one.

Care of the Porcelain Enamel Surface

Use a dry or slightly damp rag or soft brush to remove spills or stains. For difficult jobs that require a cleaning agent, use only a kitchen appliance cleaner or polish recommended for use on enamel surfaces.

Cleaning the Glass

Most of the carbon deposits on the glass will burn off during hot fires.

However, the ash residue that accumulates on the glass surface should be removed regularly to prevent etching. To clean the glass, follow this procedure:

- Be sure the glass is completely cool.
- Clean the glass with water or a cleaner made especially for this purpose. Do not use abrasive cleaners.
- Rinse the glass thoroughly.
- Dry the glass completely.

Replace Broken Glass Immediately

Do not operate your stove if the glass in the doors is damaged.

If you need to replace the glass, use only the high temperature ceramic glass supplied by Vermont Castings. Do not use substitutes. Be sure to specify left or right glass; the panels are not interchangeable.

Removing the Glass

1. Remove the right and left door assemblies by raising the door until the lower hinge pin clears its drilling; then, angle the door bottom slightly outward and pull down to release the upper hinge pin. Place the doors face down on a padded work surface.
2. Remove the screws that hold the retainer clips in place, and remove the clips.
3. Carefully lift the broken glass panel from the door.

Installing the Glass

Check the gasket around the window; it should be soft and resilient so the glass will seal properly against the door. Replace the gasket if it has hardened or if it is compressed.

1. Center the first pane of glass on the gasket. Be sure to place the glass so the infrared reflective coating is on the exterior side.

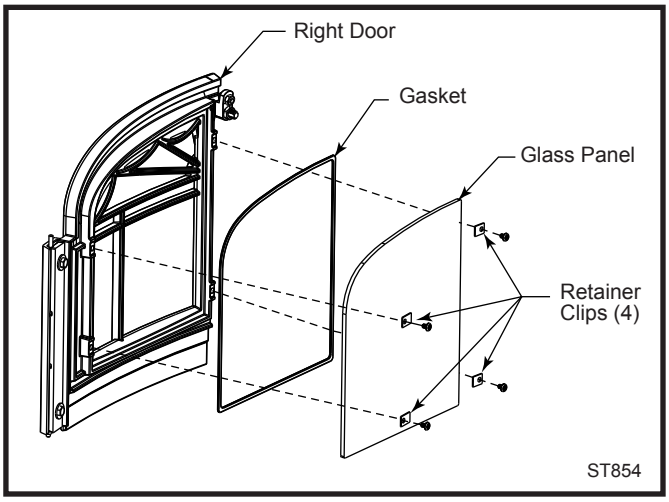


Fig. 29 Exploded view of the glass assembly for the right door.

2. Secure the glass on both doors with the retainer clips, but leave the screws a little loose.
3. Gradually tighten all the screws by hand a little at a time in order to apply even pressure to the glass panel.

Adjust the Damper as Needed

The tension on the Encore's damper is adjustable to compensate for compression of the gasket that seals the damper to the upper fireback. To adjust the damper:

1. Remove the griddle. Loosen the lock nut at the center of the damper.
2. Turn the pressure screw approximately one half turn clockwise.

3. Tighten the lock nut. Keep the pressure screw from turning as you tighten the nut. Re-test the damper.

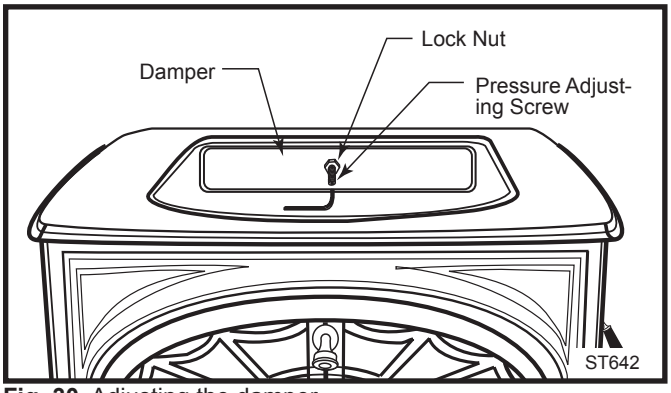


Fig. 30 Adjusting the damper.

Tighten the Damper Handle as Needed

A handle on the left side of the stove controls the damper. The handle attaches to the damper rod with a set screw. Periodically check the set screw and tighten as necessary.

Adjust the Door Latches

The Encore's front doors, as well as its ash pan door, should close securely to prevent accidental opening and to keep air from leaking into the stove. On adequately adjusted doors, the handles should resist slightly as they are turned to the closed position and the doors themselves should be drawn slightly toward the stove.

Over time, the gasket around the doors will compress and the latches may need adjustment.

To adjust the latches on the doors, loosen the small lock nut, rotate the striker screw a half-turn, and re-tighten the small lock. Hold the striker screw to keep it from turning as you tighten the lock nut. Make repeated small adjustments until the setting is right.

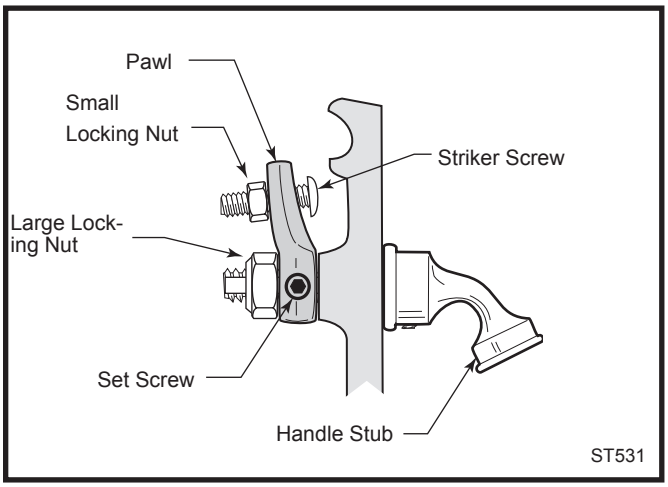


Fig. 31 Turn the door latch striker screw in or out to tighten or loosen the door latch.

Replace the Stove Gaskets as Needed

Your Encore uses rope-type fiberglass gaskets to make a tight seal between some parts. With use, particularly on those parts that move, gaskets can become brittle and compressed and can begin to lose their effectiveness. These will need periodic replacement.

All of the gaskets are made of fiberglass. The sizes of replaceable gasket are listed below, along with their applications.

Gasket Diameter	...And the Parts it Seals
5/16"	The griddle to the stove top (wire reinforced gasket)
3/8"	The ash door to the front of the ash drop, flue collar to inner back
3/16"	The outer glass panes to the doors
5/16"	The damper to the upper fireback; the front doors to the stove front; and the doors to each other.

If you need to change a gasket, first obtain an appropriate replacement from your Vermont Castings' Authorized Dealer.

Wait until the fire is out and the stove has cooled. Be sure to follow the standard safety procedure for working with dusty materials: Wear safety goggles and a dust mask.

The procedure for replacing gaskets is the same regardless of the gasket location. Follow these steps:

1. Remove the existing gasket by grasping an end and pulling firmly.

2. Use a wire brush or the tip of a screwdriver to clean the channel of any remaining cement or bits of gasket. (Fig. 32) Remove stubborn deposits of cement with a cold chisel if necessary.

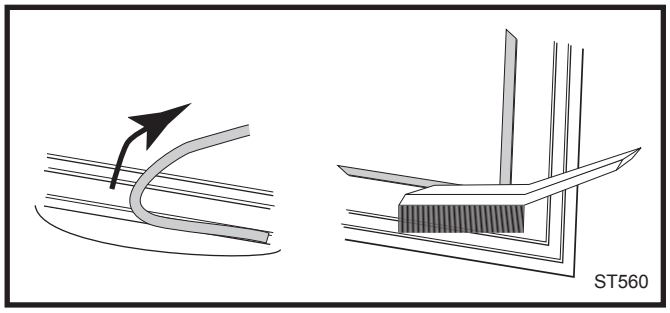


Fig. 32 Remove gasket then clean channel with wire brush.

3. Determine the correct length of the appropriate-sized gasket by laying it out in the channel. Allow an extra 25-51 mm (1-2”), and mark the spot to be cut. (Fig. 33)

4. Remove the gasket from the channel, place it on a wood cutting surface, and cut it at the marked spot with a utility knife. Twist the ends slightly to keep the gasket from unraveling.

5. Lay an unbroken 3 mm (1/8”) bead of gasket cement in the newly-cleaned channel.

6. Starting at one end, press the gasket into the channel. (Fig. 33) Ensure a good joint where the gasket meets before trimming any excess. Do not overlap the gasket ends or leave ends with ragged edges.

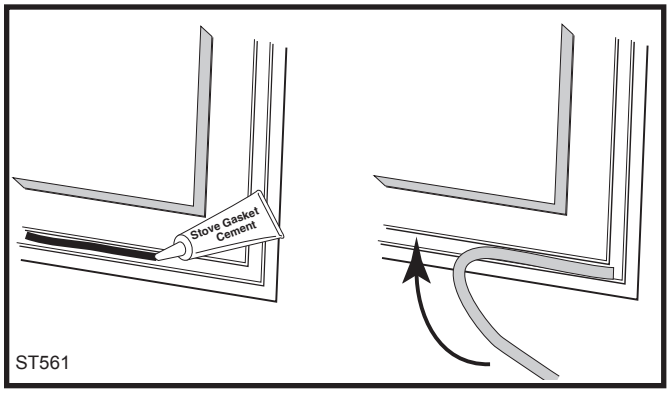


Fig. 33 Lay a bead of gasket cement then press gasket in place.

7. Press the gasketed part firmly against its normal mating surface to seat the gasket evenly in its channel. Close and latch the door to do this, or tap other parts with the rubber mallet (or hammer/block of wood).

8. Clean any excess cement from around the channel, then let the cement that holds the new gasket dry thoroughly.

Adjust the Door If Necessary

The stove’s door(s) may need adjustment after you have regasketed it. Initially, it may require loosening to accommodate the new gasket; after a few weeks, it may need tightening to compensate for compression of the new gasket. The directions for adjusting the doors are on Page 22.

All Gasketed Construction

Other gaskets form seals between non-moving parts, but these are not subject to the same wear and deterioration as gaskets on moving parts. It is unlikely that you will ever need to replace these gaskets unless the involved parts are disassembled and then put back together. If this is the case, the job should be done only by a qualified service technician.

5/16” diameter gasket seals the following parts:

- The flue collar to the stove back
- The lower fireback to the sides
- All connections between the major stove plates

The Chimney System

Creosote

Your Encore is designed to reduce creosote build-up significantly. However, regular chimney inspection and maintenance must still be performed. For safety, good stove performance, and to protect your chimney and chimney connector, inspect your chimney and chimney connector on a regular schedule. Clean the system if necessary. Failure to keep the chimney and connector system clean can result in a serious chimney fire.

When wood is burned slowly, it produces tar, organic vapors and moisture that combine to form creosote. The creosote vapors condense in the relatively cool chimney flue of a slow-burning fire. As a result, creosote residue accumulates on the flue lining. When ignited, this creosote makes an extremely hot fire within the flue system that can damage the chimney and overheat adjacent combustible material. If a significant layer of creosote has accumulated —3 mm (1/8”) or more — it should be removed to reduce the risk of a chimney fire.

To reduce the amount of creosote that may form, remember to provide adequate air for combustion and to strive for small, intense fires rather than large, smoldering ones.

You can never be too safe. Contact your local fire authority for information on what to do in the event of a chimney fire, and have a clearly understood plan on how to handle one.

You should inspect the system every two weeks during the heating season as part of a regular maintenance schedule. To inspect the chimney, let the stove cool completely. Then, using a strong light, sight up through the flue collar into the chimney flue. If it is not possible to inspect the flue system in this fashion, the stove must be disconnected to provide better viewing access.

Clean the chimney using a brush the same size and shape as the flue liner. Flexible fiberglass rods are used to run the brush up and down the liner, causing any deposits to fall to the bottom of the chimney where they can be removed through the clean-out door.

Clean the chimney connector by disconnecting the sections, taking them outside, and removing any deposits with a stiff wire brush. Reinstall the connector sections after cleaning, being sure to secure the joints between individual sections with sheet metal screws.

If you cannot inspect or clean the chimney yourself, contact your local Vermont Castings’ Dealer or a professional chimney sweep.

Maintenance Schedule

The stove and chimney system should be inspected and maintained by a qualified engineer and include the following:

The Stove

DAILY:

- Clear any ash build-up from around the air holes and combustion flow path in the lower fireback.
- Ashes should be removed before they reach the top of the ash pan. Check accumulation at least once a day.
- Keep the area around the stove clear of any combustible materials such as wood, furniture or clothing.

TWO MONTHS:

- Check door handle to be sure it is working properly. Gasketing becomes compressed after a period of time. Adjust handle tightness if necessary.
- Check leg bolts and heat shield screws; tighten if necessary.

ANNUAL SPRING CLEANING:

- Check gasketing for wear, and replace if necessary.
- Remove ashes from the ash pan and replace with a moisture absorbing material (such as kitty litter) to keep the interior of the stove dry.
- Clean the dust from the inner sides of bottom, rear or pipe heat shields if your stove is equipped with them. Clean surfaces are better heat reflectors than dirty surfaces.
- Touch up the black paint.
- Inspect for and remove ash build-up behind the combustion package. This should be done in conjunction with annual cleaning of the chimney connector since this inspection is most conveniently done through the flue collar opening. Inspect the passages to either side of the combustion package (a mirror will be helpful) and vacuum away ash using a flexible vacuum hose inserted into each passage. Care should be taken not to damage the white fibrous material in this rear chamber. (Fig. 34)

The Chimney Connector

TWO WEEKS:

- Inspect the chimney connector and chimney. Clean if necessary.

TWO MONTHS:

- Inspect the chimney and chimney connector. Pay particular attention to the horizontal runs of chimney connector, and the elbows. Clean the system if necessary.

ANNUAL SPRING CLEANING:

- Disassemble the chimney connector and take it outdoors for inspection and cleaning. Replace weak sections of connector.
- Inspect the chimney for signs of deterioration. Repairs to a masonry chimney should be made by a professional mason. Replace damaged sections of prefabricated chimney. Your local Vermont Castings dealer or a chimney sweep can help determine when replacement is necessary.
- Thoroughly clean the chimney.

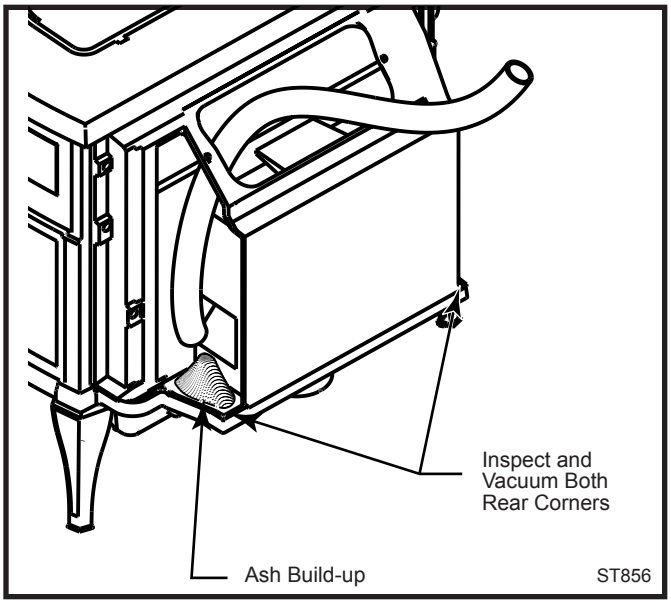
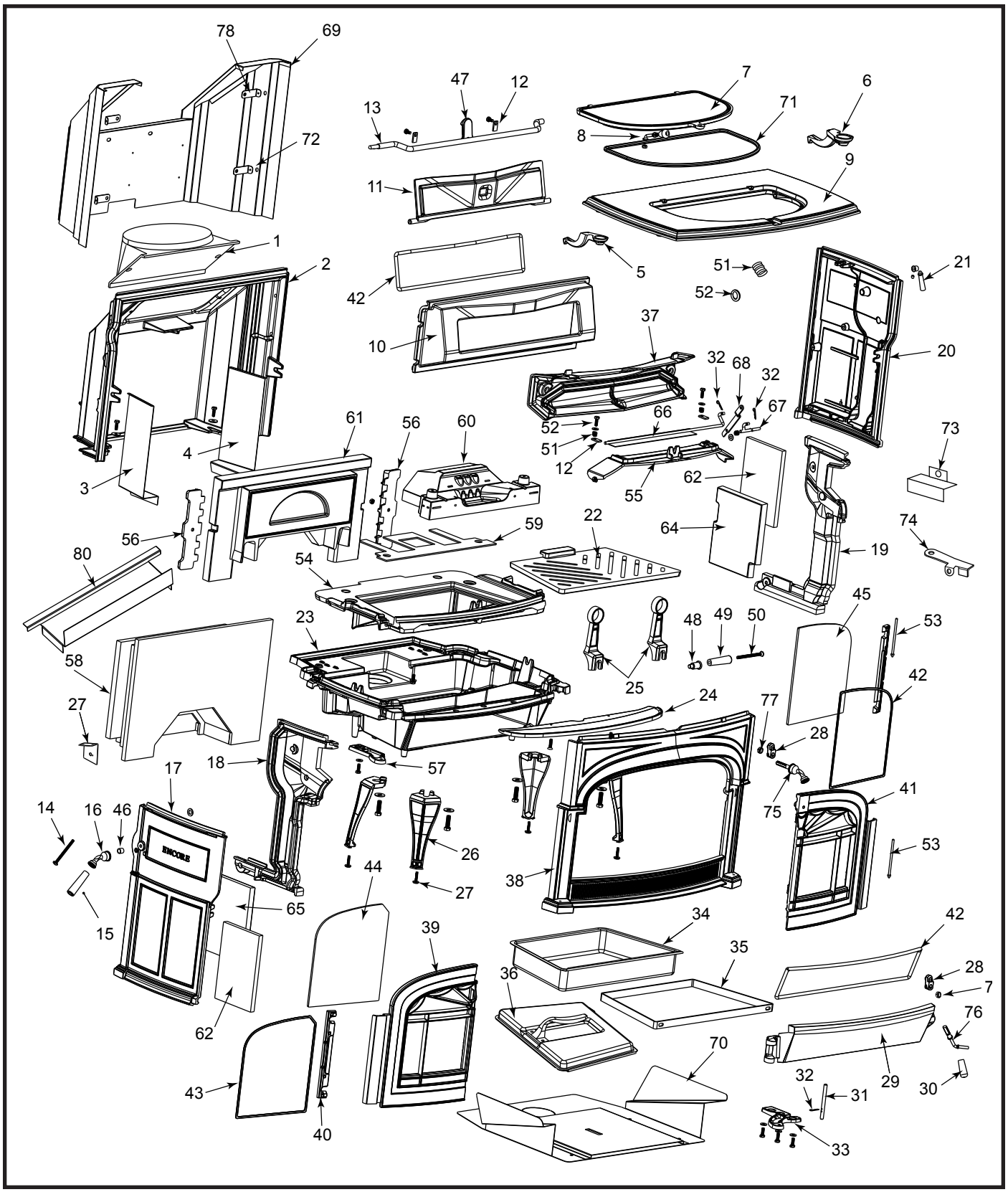


Fig. 34 Inspect and clean out ash accumulation on either side of the non-catalytic combustion system.



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Encore Non-Catalytic Woodburning Stove

Model 1450CE

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Encore Woodburning Stove
Model 1450CE (continued)

	Item Description	Part Number
1.	Flue Collar (8”)	See Chart Pg. 33
2.	Inner Back	30002385
3.	Left Heat Deflector	30002441
4.	Right Heat Deflector	30002442
5.	Left Griddle Quad	30002399
6.	Right Griddle Quad	30002401
7.	Griddle	30002386
8.	Griddle Handle Assy	30002775
9.	Top	See Chart Pg. 33
10.	Damper Housing	30002413
11.	Damper	30002389
12.	Damper Tabs (3)	1601488
13.	Damper Rod	1600851
14.	Damper Handle Screw 1/4-20 x 3⅜” NT	1201310
15.	Damper Handle,Wood	1600664
16.	Steel Handle Stub	30002720
17.	Left Side	See Chart Pg. 33
18.	Left Air Manifold (Inner side)	30002408
19.	Right Air Manifold (Inner side)	30002409
20.	Right Side	See Chart Pg. 33
21.	Thermostat Handle Shaft w/set screw	30002716
21a.	Thermostat Handle Wood	1600660
21b.	Round Hd, Sl 8-32 x 2 Screw	1201243
22.	Grate	30002390
23.	Bottom Outer	30002391
24.	Ashlip	See Chart Pg. 33
25.	Andiron (2)	30002397
26.	Leg	See Chart Pg. 33
27.	Leg Leveler	1201745
28.	Pawl Assembly Short Adjustment	30002362
29.	Ashdoor	30002392
30.	Ashdoor Handle (Wood)	1600663
31.	Ashdoor Hinge Pin	30002473
32.	Cotter Pin, Ashdoor	30001749
33.	Ashdoor Hinge Lower	30002404
34.	Ashpan	1601025
35.	Ashpan Bracket	1601039
36.	Ashpan Cover	1601027
37.	Airwash Manifold	30002407
38.	Front	See Chart Pg. 33
39.	Left Door	See Chart Pg. 33

	Item Description	Part Number
40.	Door Hinge Strip (2)	1308634
41.	Right Door	See Chart Pg. 33
42.	Door Gasket 5/16 Med. Density 6ND	1203588
43.	Glass Gasket	1203556
44.	Left Door Glass[1]	30002476
45.	Right Door Glass[1]	1408629
46.	Spacer 3/8 x 1-Z	1201779
47.	Damper Ramp	1301811
	Socket Set Screw Adjuster	1200436
	PH Flat Hd Screw	1200809
	Hex Nuts	1203210
48.	Handle Base Stub[2]	30002714
49.	Ceramic Handle 2.78 Lg[2]	20006381
50.	Handle Bolt[2]	1201294
51.	Friction Spring	1201846
52.	Washer	1202471
53.	Pin, Long, Door	30002727
54.	Inner Bottom	30002406
55.	Primary Air Plate	30002415
56.	Lower Brick Retainer	30002416
57.	Hinge, Upper Ashdoor	30002403
58.	Fountain Assembly CDW	30002100
59.	Insul Gasket Shoe	30002418
60.	Refractory Shoe	30002419
61.	Refractory Lower	30002414
62.	End Insulation	30002420
64.	Right End Refractory	30002421
65.	Left End Refractory	30002475
66.	Primary Air Flap	30002443
67.	Primary Air Shaft	30002841
68.	Primary Air Linkage	30002445
69.	Outer Back Assembly	30002450
70.	Bottom Heat Shield	30002446
71.	Griddle Gasket	1203668
72.	Rear Side Bracket	30002457
73.	Brick Support Bracket	30002480
74.	Holder, Door Handle	30002909
75.	Front Steel Handle w/Shaft	30002717
76.	Ashdoor Handle Shaft	1600622
77.	Hex Jam Nut	1203290
78.	Bracket, Upper Side	30002667
79.	Rheostat Bracket	30002863
80.	Fountain Heatshield	30004572

1. Not interchangeable, due to a heat-reflective coating on the room side of the panels.
2. Included in #0004345 ceramic handle assembly.

Shell Enamel Parts - Encore NC Model 1450	
Part Name	**Classic**
Top	30002387
Left Side	30002388
Right Side	30002405
Flue Collar	1304280
Front	30002393
Ashlip	3000240
Left Door Subassy*	30003974
Left Door	30003938
Right Door Subassy*	30003975
Right Door	30003939
Single Leg	30002396

Shell Enamel Parts - Encore NC Model 1450									
Part Name	**Biscuit**	**Bordeaux**	**Brown Majolica**	**Chestnut Brown**	**Ebony**	**Midnight Blue**	**Sand**	**Suede Brown**	**Vermont Green**
Top	30003055	30002615	30004879	30003065	30003075	30002635	30002625	30002645	30003085
Left Side	30003052	30002613	30004876	30003062	30003072	30002633	30002623	30002643	30003082
Right Side	30003053	30002612	30004877	30003063	30003073	30002632	30002622	30002642	30003083
Flue Collar	30003008	2324280	30004868	30003020	30003032	2374280	1324280	30002527	30003045
Front	30003054	30002614	30004878	30003064	30003074	30002634	30002624	30002644	30003084
Ashlip	30003051	30002610	30004862	30003061	30003071	30002630	30002620	30002640	30003081
Left Door Subassy*	30003984	30003976	30004882	30003986	30003988	30003980	30003978	30003982	30003990
Left Door	30003958	30003950	30004884	30003960	30003962	30003954	30003952	30003956	30003964
Right Door Subassy*	30003985	30003977	30004881	30003987	30003989	30003981	30003979	30003983	30003991
Right Door	30003959	30003951	30004883	30003961	30003963	30003955	30003953	30003957	30003965
Single Leg	30003050	30002611	30004874	30003060	30003070	30002631	30002621	30002641	30003080

*__NOTE:__ Does not contain glass or glass gasket.

LIMITED LIFETIME Warranty
For Vermont Castings Encore, Non-Catalytic Wood Stove

Limited Lifetime Warranty

MHSC warrants that all refractory brick and material used in this product will be warranted against deterioration not resulting from physical damage or overloading of the woodstove for the lifetime of this product. This coverage includes the components of the EverBurn System: "shoe, fountain, and fireback. Coverage is provided only to the original purchaser.

Limited 3 Year Warranty

All cast iron parts are warranted for a period of three years against breakage, cracking or burn-through.

Limited 1 Year Warranty

The following part of the woodburning stove are warranted to be free of defects in material and workmanship for a period of one year from the date you receive it: The handles, glass door panels, door gasketing and porcelain finish. Any of these items found to be defective will be repaired or replaced at no charge, upon the return of the part with postage prepaid to a Vermont Castings Authorized Dealer.

Any parts repaired or replaced during the limited warranty period will be warranted under the terms of the limited warranty for a period not to exceed the remaining term of the original limited warranty or six (6) months, whichever is longer.

Exclusions & Limitations

1. This warranty is non-transferable.
2. This warranty does not cover misuse of the stove. Misuse includes overfiring, which will result if the stove is used in such a manner as to cause one or more of the plates to glow red. Overfiring can be identified later by warped plates and areas where the paint pigments has burned off. Overfiring in enamel stoves is identified by bubbling, cracking, chipping and discoloration of the porcelain enamel finish. MHSC offers no warranty on chipping of enamel surfaces. Inspect your woodburning stove prior to accepting it for any damage to the enamel.
3. This warranty does not cover misuse of the stove as described in the Owners Guide, nor does it cover a stove which has been modified unless authorized by a MHSC representative in writing. This warranty does not cover damage to the stove caused by burning salt saturated wood, chemically treated wood, or any fuel not recommended in the Owners Guide.
4. This warranty does not cover a stove repaired by someone other than a Vermont Castings Authorized Dealer.
5. Damage to the unit while in transit is not covered by this warranty but is subject to a claim against the common carrier. Contact Vermont Castings Authorized Dealer from whom you purchased your stove or MHSC if the purchase was direct. (Do not operate the stove as this may negate the ability to process the claim with the carrier).
6. Claims are not valid where the installation does not conform to local building and fire codes or, in their absence, to the recommendations in our Owners Guide.
7. The salt air environment of coastal areas, or a high-humidity environment, can be corrosive to the porcelain enamel finish. These conditions can cause rusting of the cast iron beneath the porcelain enamel finish, which will cause the porcelain enamel finish to flake off. This warranty does not cover damage caused by a salt air or high-humidity environment.
8. MHSC shall have no obligation to enhance or update any unit once manufactured.

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How to Obtain Service

If a defect is noted within the warranty period, the customer should contact a Vermont Castings Authorized Dealer or MHSC if the purchase was direct with the following information:

1. Name, address, and telephone number of the purchaser
2. Date of Purchase.
3. Serial number from the label on the back
4. Nature of the defect or damage.
5. Any relevant information or circumstances, e.g., installation, mode of operation when defect was noted.

A warranty claim will then start in process. MHSC reserves the right to withhold final approval of a warranty claim pending a visual inspection of the defect by authorized representatives.

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